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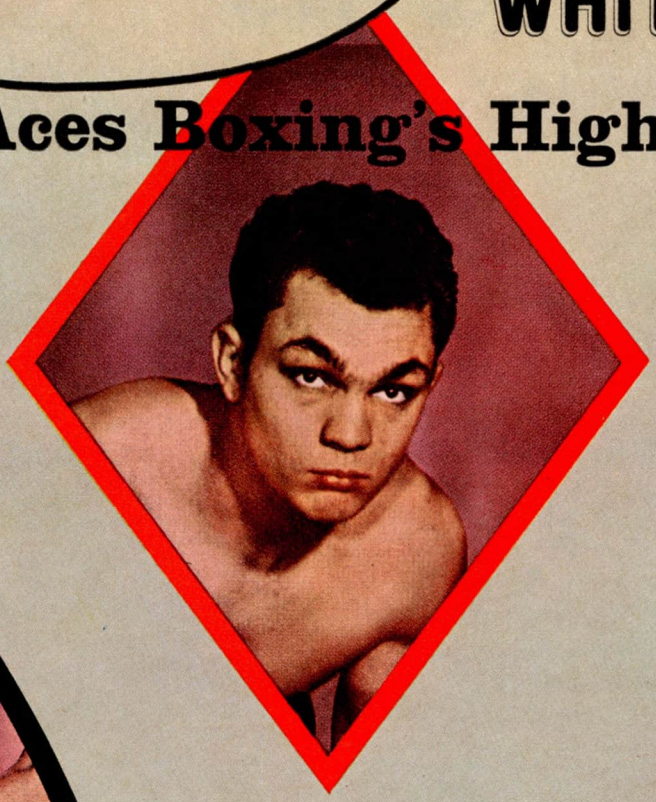

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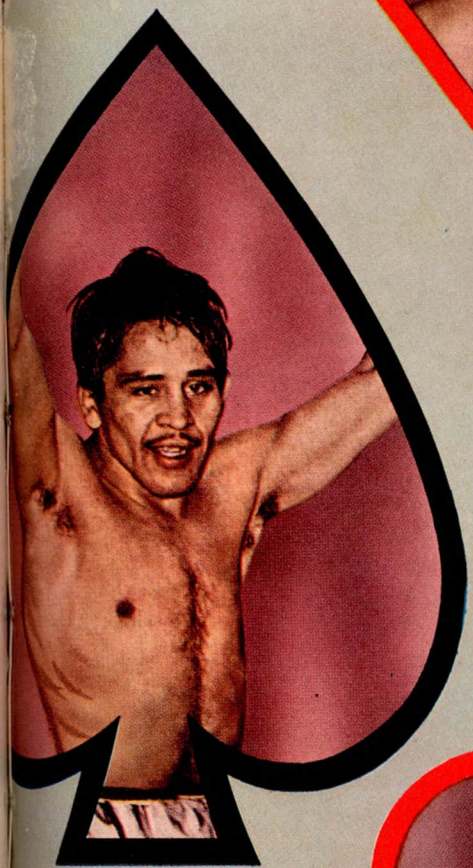

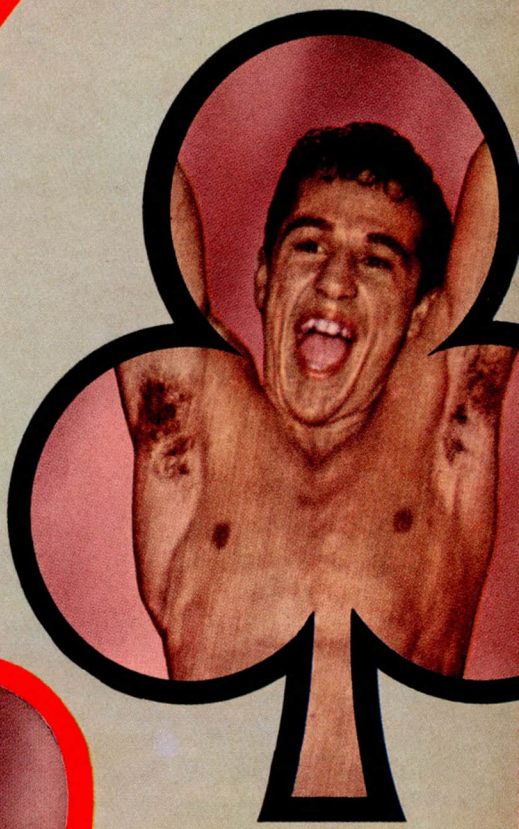

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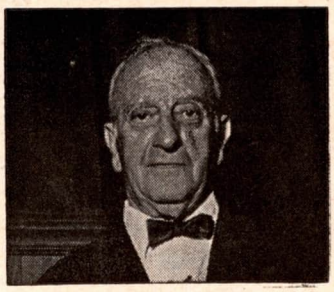

Speaks Out!!!

It appears that Senator Philip Hart's revision of the late Senator Estes Kefauver's bill to set up a national commissioner to govern boxing has a better than middling chance to be adopted.

The bill had a powerful opponent while Bob Kennedy was the Attorney General. He wanted nothing to do with boxing government. But with Bob out of the Cabinet, and Senator Hart's drive for the bill in a healthier state, the capital has become quite boxing conscious.

In the meantime there is a wide divergence of opinion and belief concerning the duties of the Federal czar, should one be authorized.

It is not intended by Senator Hart that the national commissioner will drive all state and locality commissions out of office.

Nor as some State Commissioners and legislators believe would a bill setting up the Federal office call for the repeal of all state and locality boxing regulations and authorities.

Such commissions as are in office now would have to accept close regulation under a Federal bill.

The national commissioner would be the boss of the state and locality commissioners. These functionaries would have control almost as they have it now, subject to such rules aand regulations as would become part of the Federal organization.

Well, then, what would the national czar do? He would keep track of boxers all over the world.

He would have a private FBI.

He would have the power to license boxers all through the USA, and this power would take precedence over that of state and locality commissions.

The national commissioner would know who was consorting with competing fighters and would keep objectionable characters out of any association whatsoever with current boxing.

Nowadays newspaper reports of crimes too often ascribe boxing histories to prisoners, or escaped criminals. The National Office would trace such matters and set the record straight.

The way things stand now nobody is in a position to reveal boxing histories without asking the Ring Magazine to dig into its copious file system. Nor do any commissions feel that they owe it to the reputation and public impacts of boxing to run down false histories.

The national czar would have it in his power, without demurrer even from courts, to issue a desist order to any boxer, for good and sufficient reason, and to deny a license to any boxer, trainer or other associate of a competitor under similar mandatory powers.

The Federal boss would have the final say on a boxer's physical abilities, and his preparedness for a fight.

State and local commissions sometimes may overlook disqualifying factors because of political influence.

The Ring Magazine does not mean to charge that fighters totally unfit have been, or are being, allowed to come into competition. But there are reported laxities and these have to be eliminated by the sternest application of hard and fast regulations.

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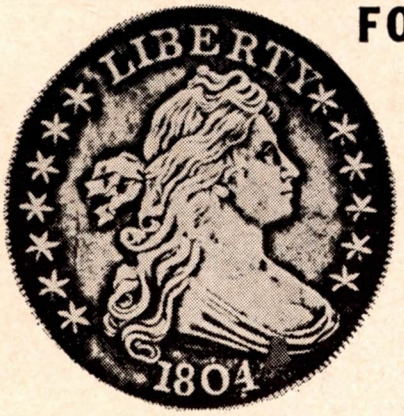

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Patterson, Chuvalo Set For Encore?

EXCLUSIVE FOR RING READERS

By NAT FLEISCHER

AS THIS issue of The Ring Magazine was being circulated around the world it appeared likely that Floyd Patterson and George Chuvalo would be rematched in New York's Garden for March 30 or early May. The big circus preempts the arena in April.

Patterson, who got the unanimous decision over Chuvalo before a sellout house of 19,100 which paid $166,000, said he wanted time to arrange his plans.

He revealed that, on orders from his orthopedic specialist, he would be forced to take a month off, to rest his left hand. He announced he had injured the hand in Puerto Rico, training for his meeting with Charlie Powell.

Chuvalo, blaming his failure to beat Patterson on referee Zack Clayton, who, he insisted, had been too industrious breaking him away from his foe, demanded a second shot, and hoped it would be with Clayton out of the ring.

It may be that Patterson will decide to wait around for the result of the Clay-Liston fight in Boston in May or June.

If Clay wins, Patterson will be in line for a chance at the championship. If Liston wins, Patterson conceded, "I would not be acceptable. I would not pay to see myself fight him again."

However, Patterson added, were he to stand out in a Clay fight, the public would accept him in a new light.

Chuvalo pleads for a return bout due to the closeness of the affair and the interest displayed by the public.

Patterson declared he was not averse to such a plan, but until such time that the injury on his left hand is thoroughly healed, he preferred not to negotiate for it.

Asked whether Dan Florio, his trainer, knew about his injury, and why he had taken the chances of further damage, Floyd said that the deep interest in the fight and the previous postponement of the Clay-Liston bout, had much to do with his decision to go through with the Chuvalo affair.

He revealed that four times a week he had his personal physician treat the injury and when he learned that the fight was a sell-out and the hurt was not too severe while he was in training, his mind was made up. He said:

"I'm glad I went through with the fight. If you recall my press conference four days before the fight, I told you my plans were to go all out. I figured I would engage in an aggressive battle and take my chances on fighting Chuvalo's style.

"Now I'm happy that I changed my plans because of the injury. I believe it saved me from a possible knockout. I retreated when necessary, forced the issue with stinging jabs when the opportunity presented itself, and boxed well to avoid Chuvalo's attack."

Asked if he would be agreeable to a return bout which Harry Markson, Madison Square Garden boxing director is eager to arrange for March 30, Floyd replied that this would suit him if his doctor gave the nod.

"I would like to be kept busy with five minor fights a year," he said, "but if a major match were arranged, it would cause me to change my plans."

It is a certainty that the winner of the Terrell-Machen fight will not come in for consideration on Patterson's part, or the Garden's either, for that matter.

That Patterson, the only heavyweight to win the world crown twice, beat Chuvalo in their twelve round bout, is important. Chuvalo was eliminated, at least temporarily, from the title carnival which will proceed with the second encounter of Cassius Mohammed Clay and Sonny Liston in Boston. But of spectacular pertinence were the huge turnout, the first sell-out in many years and the big live gate plus the closed circuit TV revenues of about $750,000.

Once again were the enduring built-in qualities of boxing emphasized with tremendous impact.

Once again it was demonstrated that if the public is confronted with a worthwhile match leading to a vital conclusion and the public appetite is whetted by what the Tex Rickard days left behind as the salty ingredients of ballyhoo, the fight fan will storm the box office.

Although the decision for Patterson was unanimous, many in the huge gathering took issue with the verdict.

Let's face the facts.

Boxing is a sport in which ring science counts considerably. Chuvalo is a crude, strong, powerful, flatfooted pugilist who knows only one way to fight—the old bare-knuckle style in which roughness and body pummeling were featured. Scientific boxing is not part of Chuvalo's equipment.

Through the twelve rounds, only twice did he land a perfect shot to the jaw, a punch that at the moment looked like the haymaker and the end of the trail for Floyd. On the other hand, Patterson jabbed beautifully and crashed many left hooks to the jaw despite the heavy body punishment he took.

That constitutes good boxing. It's something the average fan, especially if he comes to the arena with his mind set regarding the possible winner, seldom considers. The name of the game still is BOXING.

In both the sixth and the tenth rounds, it appeared that Floyd's goose was cooked, yet he remained on his feet, an implacable foe.

Although the recipient of many hefty abdominal, back and kidney blows every time the fighting was at close range, Patterson weathered the severe attacks and invariably came back with stinging jabs that checked Chuvalo's advance.

Having seen Patterson in all his major contests, I thought this was one of his top performances. True, he is not the equal to the fighter who engaged in thrilling matches with Johansson, but he still carries enough to make him one of the top heavies.

I was present in Sweden when Floyd handed Machen a severe beating. In my report, I stated it was Patterson's best work since his second fight with Johansson. I predicted then that his comeback was a real one that eventually would lead to another world heavyweight championship bout for him.

Based on his performance against Chuvalo, he may stand best qualified for such a match following the Clay-Liston bout.

Floyd tired, but so did Chuvalo. They had been engaged in a rough brawl and the pace told in the last two rounds. Had Chuvalo possessed the power of a Louis or Marciano, he might have won by a knockout. But he failed to drop his man even once although Floyd had been downed by other opponents.

If the fight showed nothing more than that Floyd is on a successful comeback, it added to the confidence he so badly needed to overcome the general opinion that he has a glass jaw.

In the fight with Chuvalo he counteracted that opinion by taking plenty and issuing enough to counterbalance the scales. The one time in the tenth round when his chin was tested by the Canadian, the blow almost put an end to Floyd's aspirations. The bell came to his rescue.

The punch caused Floyd's knees to buckle. He dropped his hands to his side and quickly embraced Referee Clayton who rushed to him as the gong clanged. It was the nearest to a knockdown in the fight although he was staggered and somewhat groggy also in the sixth.

Yet, on my score card and that of many others around the ring, the round was scored an even one.

Experience enabled Patterson to clinch the decision by a very strong finish. The pace had been too much for Chuvalo who showed considerable weakness in the last frame.

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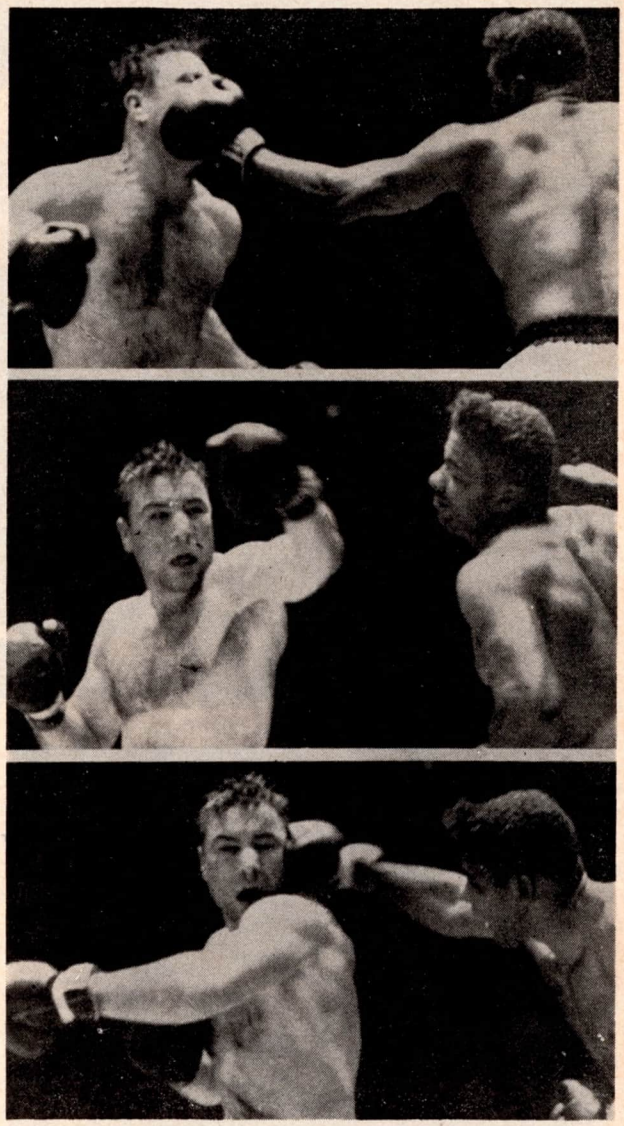


This sequence of photos late in the Patterson-Chuvalo fight shows two things. Patterson was taught how to fight the right way and Chuvalo was not. It also proved the difference between winning and losing. In top picture Patterson drives left hook to Chuvalo's jaw. Chuvalo misses counter left in middle photo and then Patterson connects with right in lower picture. A good fighter always punches in combinations and that's why Patterson won this 12-round elimination bout.

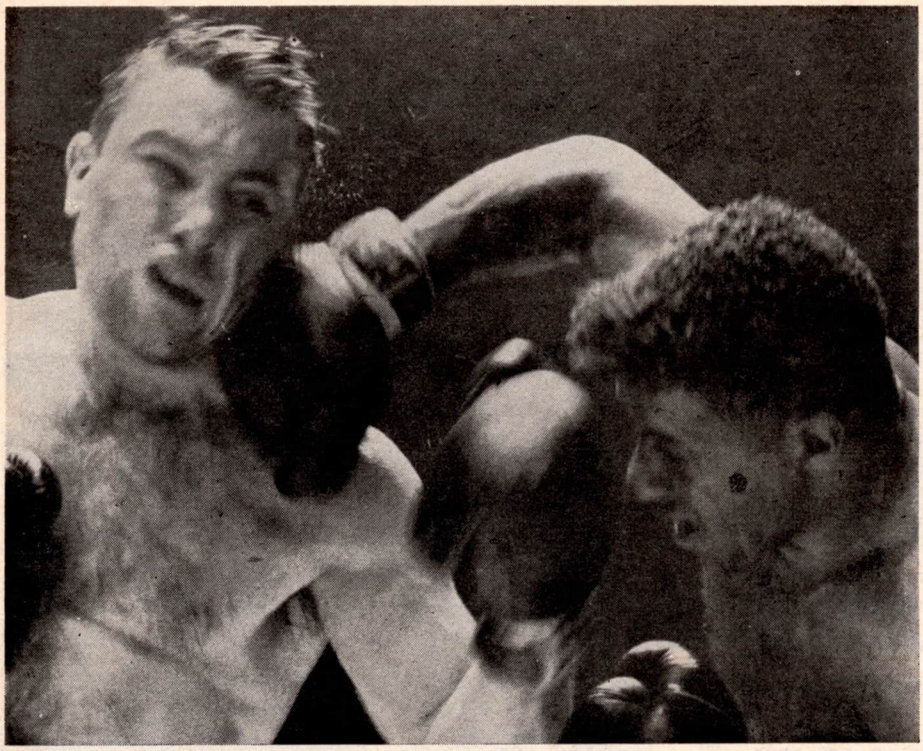
He was plastered with rights and lefts that landed heavily on his face. He had cuts under and above the eyes and over the bridge of the nose which started bleeding as early as the opening round.

"I made some mistakes," Chuvalo now admits. His major error was to rely solely on body punishment.

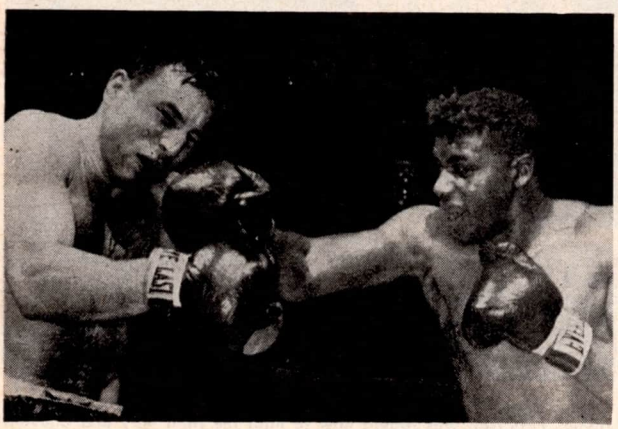
Once again, the name of the game still is BOXING.

Many of Chuvalo's punches landed on his rival's spine or kidneys. But they were legal blows since Floyd, every time the pair were at close range, turned his body sideways to avoid getting punches into his mid-section. However, quick action by Referee Clayton broke the pair before the fight entered a mauling stage.

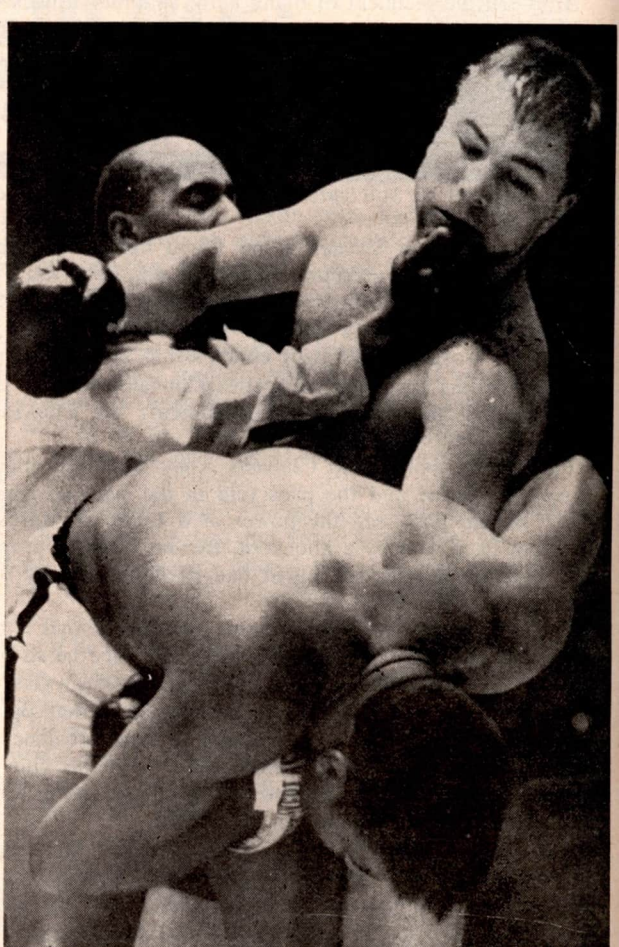
Following the break, and usually after Floyd had received a back pounding, he suddenly stepped back, then flashed a series of straight jabs that forced Chuvalo to step away. Then Floyd's left snapped out, sharp and true, and sent Chuvalo's head back with a snap, so accurate were those jabs.



Former heavyweight titleholder Patterson used Canadian heavy champ Chuvalo as a human punching bag and this picture of Floyd landing one of countless number of rights to rugged Canadian's jaw is typical of what happened during the 12 round heavyweight elimination tiff.



Patterson wasted no time getting the range on chin of his wide open, easy to hit opponent from Canada. Here Floyd connects with hard right to Chuvalo's jaw in opening round. Floyd had no difficulty hitting his game, but outclassed foe in the remaining 11 rounds. He won easily.



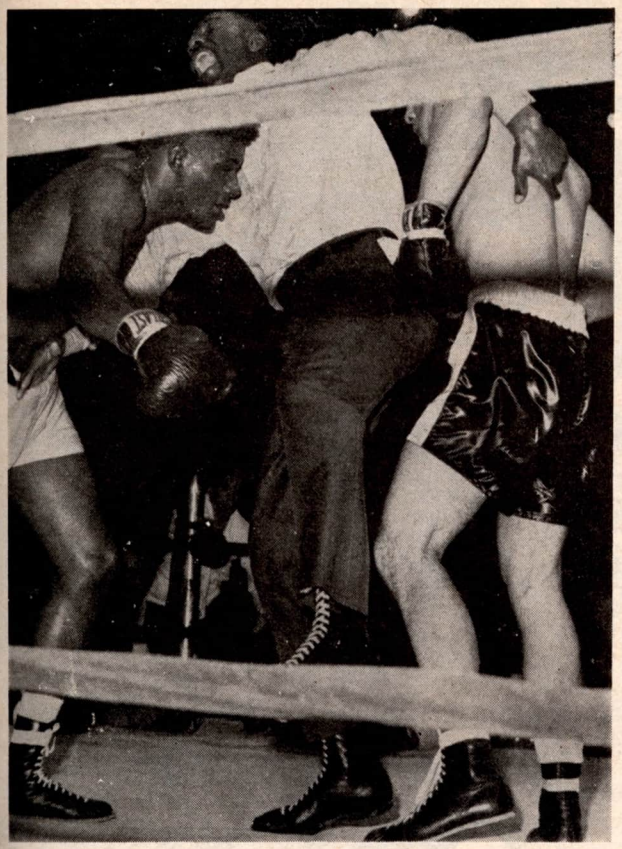
Referee Zach Clayton, who was criticized by Chuvalo for breaking up his infighting with Patterson, appears to be tugging at Chuvalo's chin in the second round as Patterson almost touches floor trying to avoid wicked rights thrown by Canadian. George clobbered Floyd on back of head with about eight rights before Clayton pulled the Canadian off the battered Patterson who couldn't cope with George's strength.

But the Canadian, sturdy, brawny, one of the toughest heavyweights in the field, always shuffling flat-footed forward toward the enemy, never shirked mixing it, to the delight of the howling crowd.

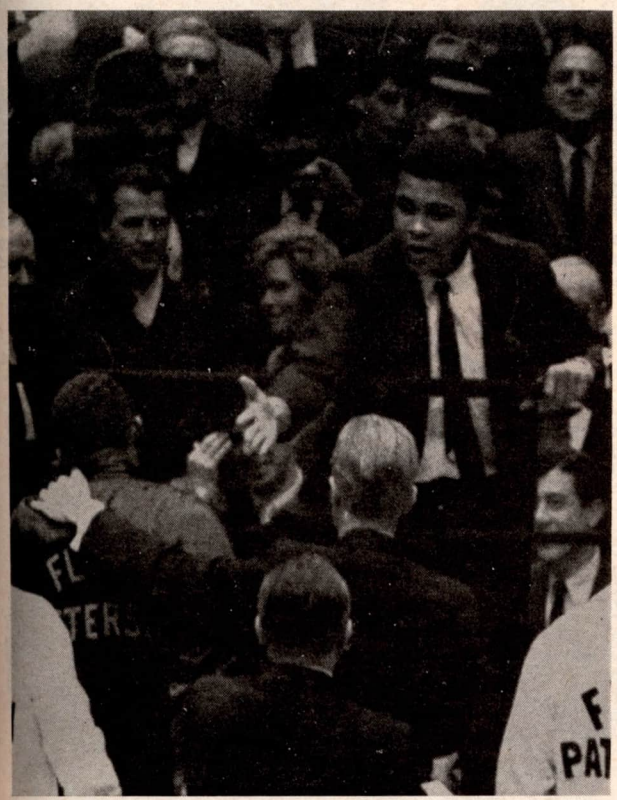
That was the general style of the fight and it was a pleasing one for the spectators, a sell-out gathering that brought back to the old timers the halycon days of Garden boxing.

Chuvalo, the Canadian who helped Patterson bring boxing back with a bang in the house that Tex Rickard built, is now as much a part of the heavyweight deal as are Clay, Liston and Patterson. In his loss, the Canadian came out almost as much ahead as did his conqueror.

One thing was certain. New life had been breathed into the boxing game and now it is up to Clay and Liston, Terrell and Machen to see that deflation doesn't set in again.



Referee Clayton's toughest job of night came at end when neither boy heard final bell and continued to punch away at each other as crowd of 19,100 roared its approval. Here Clayton struggles to separate Patterson and Chuvalo who staged willing punch party over entire route.



Heavyweight champion Cassius Clay reaches over top rope to congratulate winner Patterson. Clay did between rounds commentary for Theater television. Cassius also did a lot of talking before and after the fight to Floyd. The current champ kept signaling Patterson after each round letting him know whether he had a good round or a bad round. Floyd said it helped him to win.

CLAY AS SPORTSCASTER

Clay gives out with a wild look as he poses for photographers at microphone in ringside working press section at Garden before start of the Patterson-Chuvalo fight. Cassius handled the between-rounds color description of the 12 round heavyweight elimination fight and did a pretty good job.

"CLAY COACHED AND HELPED ME," —*FLOYD PATTERSON*

THE Patterson-Chuvalo fight had an interesting sidelight which was without precedent in the history of boxing.

While Floyd was beating the Canadian, Cassius Clay, or as he insists on styling himself, Mohammed Ali, sat in a corner against the ring furnishing the commentary for the television report which went out over the closed circuit.

For a reigning title holder to see contenders in action was old stuff.

But for a current champion of the heavyweight to become a reporter the way Cassius did—well, times have changed!

Patterson said that he had got a big kick out of watching Clay and, in view of what the champion had done and said before the fight, Floyd was more than astonished.

Clay had derogated Floyd as a "rabbit," and had brought him carrots and lettuce leaves into a press conference in Patterson's training camp.

"I could not hear what Clay was saying," Patterson reported. "But he was in full view from my corner. If he thought I had a round he made a significant signal, forming index finger and thumb into an O," Patterson chuckled.

"If Clay figured I had lost the round he showed his displeasure. And from time to time he told me that I was not doing enough jabbing.

"I got a lot of help from Cassius. A lot of help from an unlooked for quarter."

Clay's role in working up the ballyhoo for the fight was as remarkable as his being at the ringside doing the commentary.

Cassius drove his bus to the Chuvalo and Patterson camps and did a lot of talking which took newspaper precedence over what the impending contestants had had to say.

It is likely that if Clay has his way, Sonny Liston will be chased out of the title picture in Boston in May or June, and Patterson will fight for the championship again under the aegis of the Garden in New York.

With the tremendous success of the Patterson-Chuvalo fight, the Garden once again became the major factor in the boxing industry in the United States. The yammer boys who have been so active in an anti-boxing campaign on TV and in newspapers were driven to cover.

Of a sudden, Patterson found himself rehabilitated as a popular favorite. This and his ability to sell out the Garden astonished him, he said.

WILLARD DRAMA, CUBA TO OHIO

By NAT LOUBET

JESS WILLARD, the Pottawatomie Giant, was the heavyweight champion of the world from April 5, 1915, when he knocked out Jack Johnson at Havana in the twenty sixth round, until July 4, 1919, when he was massacred by Jack Dempsey in three rounds at Toledo, 50 years ago.

In the five years during which he held the title Willard appeared in only three contests. And not because of any income tax involvements. The plain fact is that Willard did not like to fight.

After he had taken the title from Johnson, Jess announced that he was entitled to a vacation. He broke into this layoff on March 25, 1916, when he beat Frank Moran in the old Garden in New York. It was a no decision fight but Willard had the better of Frank and his Mary Ann.

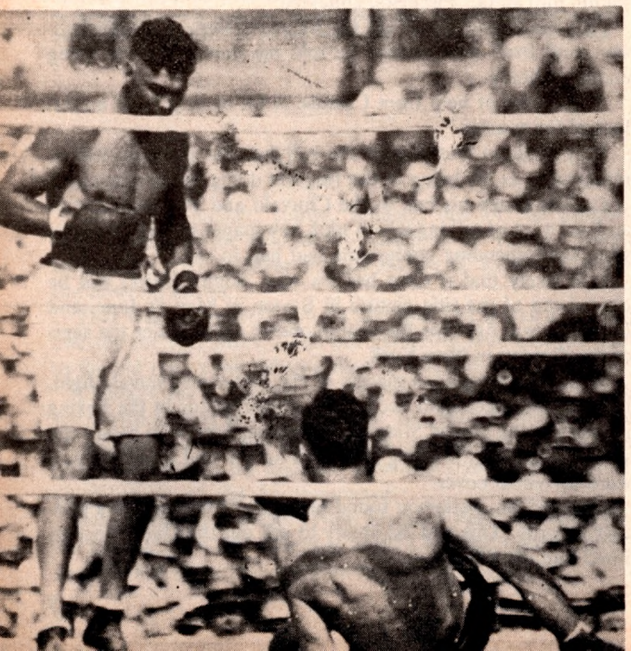
On September 12, 1916, the Kansas giant outpointed Soldier Kearns in a six rounder in Bridgeport, Conn., virtually an exhibition for peanuts.

The war year 1918 saw Willard hug the title to his breast very closely. He appeared in two exhibitions, against Jim Golden at Fort Riley, Kans., and Tim Logan at Chester, Pa.

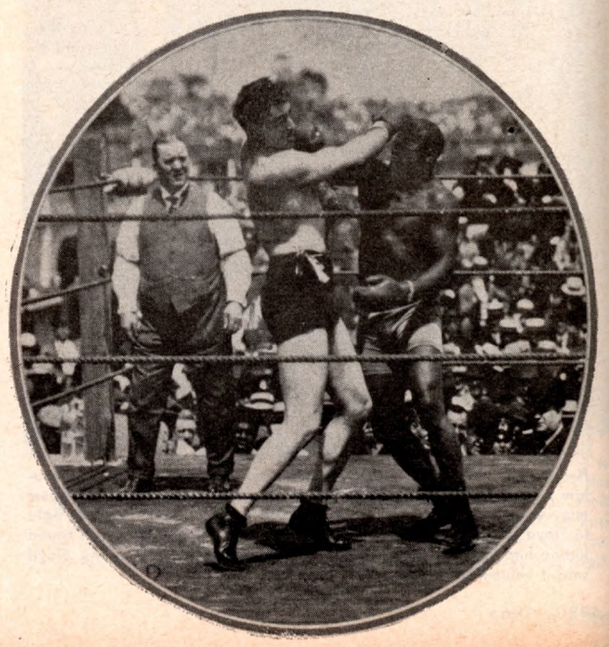
All the while a youngster named Jack Dempsey, who had started in 1914 under the ring name of Kid Blackie, was moving toward a fight for the title. And when this fight was held, under the brutal, broiling sun at Toledo, on the shores of muggy Maumee Bay, one of the most horrible beatings in the history of the heavyweight title left Jess with only two more fights in his corpus fisticus.

On May 12, 1923, Willard stopped Floyd Johnson in Yankee Stadium. On July 12, 1923, he was knocked out by Luis Angel Firpo in the eighth round at

From Havana in 1915 to Toledo in 1919. From acquisition of championship from Johnson to loss of title to Jack Dempsey, the drama of Jess Willard. Below, Jess down for fourth time in first round against the Mauler.

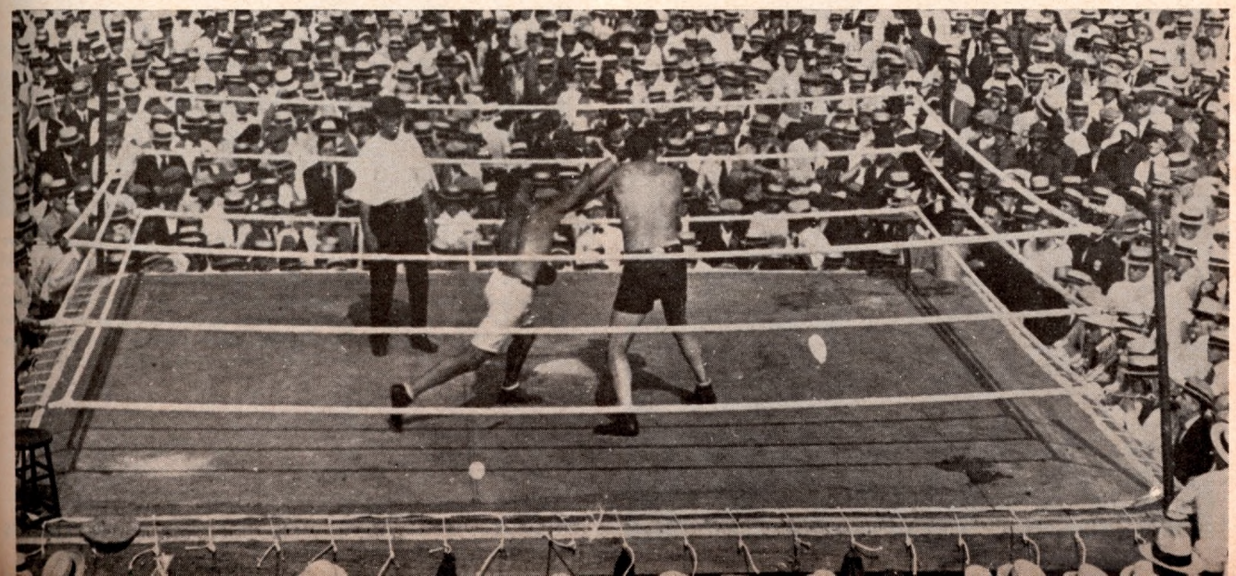


With Jack Welch refereeing, Willard is putting the pressure on wilting Johnson, who after nineteenth round begins to show severe wear and tear. The Kansas Giant just has belted Jack with a right to the noggin.

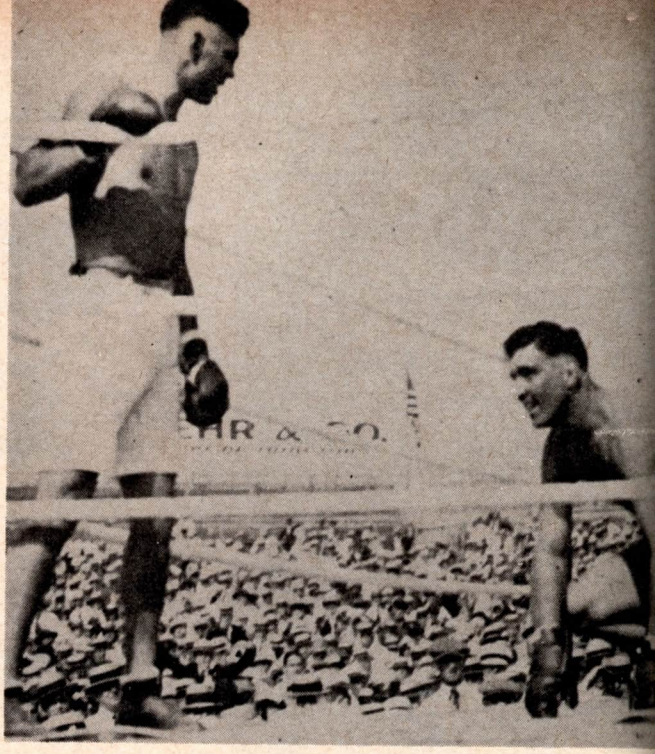


Here is the most famous photograph in the history of heavyweight championship competition. Jack Johnson lying on sunbaked ring floor in Havana in 1915, is losing his title to Jess Willard in twenty-sixth round. Note that Johnson's legs and thighs are lifted off the burning canvas and he is shading his eyes. Is he out? Is he semi-conscious? You furnish your own answers.

Willard is getting a terrific shellacking in that first heat on the shores of Maumee Bay. Jess looks as if he were counting the house. But the fact is he is very envious of the 19,000 paying guests and the 200 reporters. He would like to change places with any of them. Jack goes right on punishing the behemoth, without mercy, without letup.



The first round is over. It looks as if Willard were through for the day. Referee Ollie Pecord has not heard the bell. But it has sounded and Jess is still in the fight. Dempsey, who has left the ring, is called back.



Here we go back to one of the seven knockdowns suffered by the Pottawatomie Giant in the first three minutes against the Manassa Mauler. Jess never will find out what hit him, time and again, over and over again.

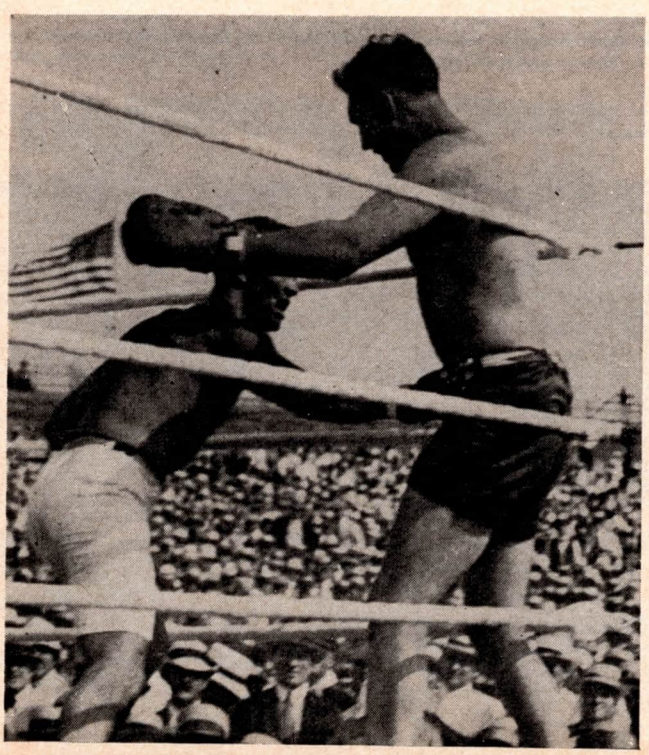
Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, where Jack had stopped Georges Carpentier on July 2, 1921, in four rounds of a contest billed fatuously as the Battle of the Century. Firpo stepped from the victory over Willard to a swift knockout defeat by Dempsey, in September 1923.

For Jess Willard the knockout by the Wild Bull of the Pampas marked FINIS to a career which covered a dozen years, but only 36 fights. He won 20 by knockout, 4 by decision, and figured in 5 no decision affairs.

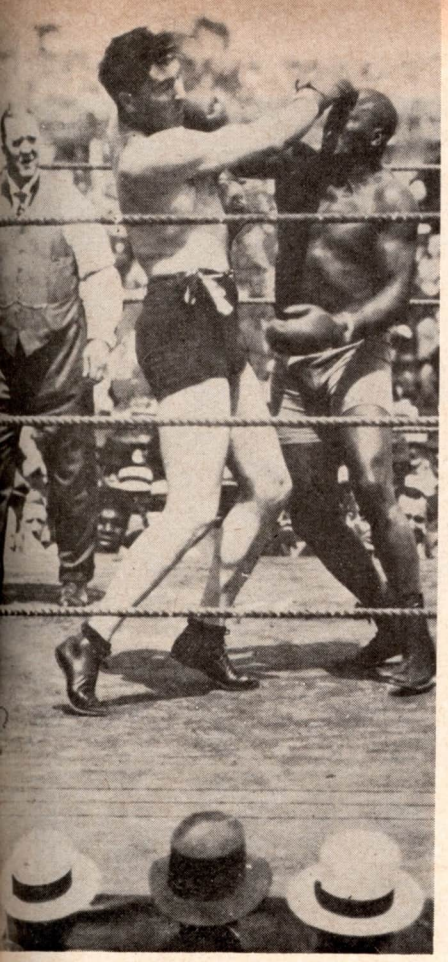
He was stopped by Dempsey and Firpo and lost on a foul in his first pro appearance, against Louis Fink at Sapulpa, Okla., on February 15, 1911. This fight went into round ten.

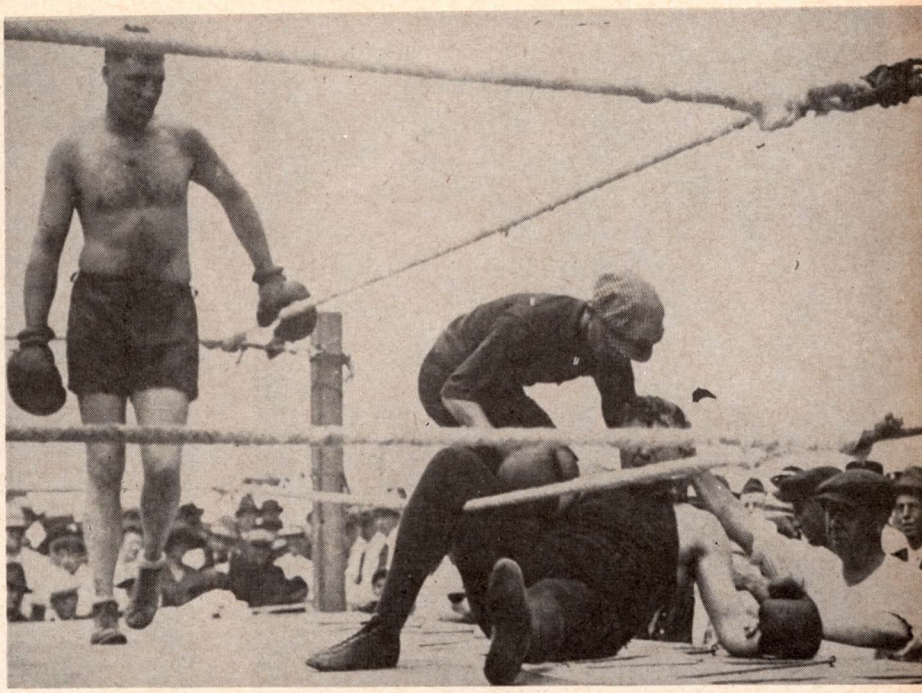
Willard was born on December 29, 1881. That makes him 83. He still is very much alive, in California.

In more ways than a dozen, Willard was a boxing anomaly, a fistic freak. He was the oldest debutant in the history of heavyweight boxing, as he did not make his first professional appearance until he was 30 years of age. He was 42 when he retired.

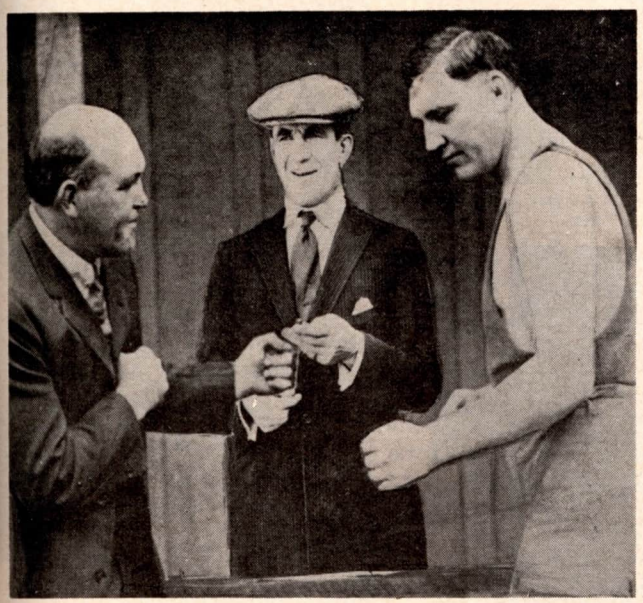


On left, a shot in the second round. Dempsey is bashing the falling champion at will. For a spell in this session Jess rallies. But, only for a brief interlude. There is a welcome breeze. Note the flag. Ringside temperature, 110 degrees. Above, on the right, we are back in the first round. It doesn't matter in what sequence you see these camera shots of an unmerciful trouncing. The Kansan is resting on ropes and Jack is punching himself weary.





On the left we roll back to Havana and the Johnson fight. Jack just has walloped a right to Willard's jaw. Johnson is avoiding a right to the head. His left is doing nothing whatever. It is Round 20 and Jack is about to reduce speed. Over on the right we leap into July 1919, Willard, training for the Dempsey fight, has floored sparring partner Jack Heinen. "Jess will be murder against this Dempsey," said some of the experts. It was a joke, son!



A bit of ring history. Willard, getting ready for the Dempsey brawl, is posing with a couple of onetime greats, balding Jim Jeffries on the left, ancient Jim Corbett in center. You are prompted to ask, "Could Jeff in his prime, or wily Corbett at his career peak, have stood up against the Dempsey who made mince meat of the Kansas tower?"

The fights in which Jess won the title and lost it are, of course, his major claims to fame. For a scrapper to achieve fame through defeat certainly is odd. But that's how it was on July 4, 1919.

The battle in which Willard forced the eminently clever Johnson into a recumbent position on the sunbaked canvas at Havana has been a subject of vehement controversy since the moment Jack hit the deck.

The photograph of Johnson's moment of cessation as a contestant is the most famous camera shot in ring history, and the only one figuring in a dispute involving a championship question of fistic bona fides.

Examine the picture of the knockout herewith reproduced and you will note:

1)—That Johnson's legs are raised off the hot canvas. His heels are the only parts of his feet in contact with the floor.

2)—That Johnson's gloves are shading his eyes. It was a brilliant, hot Antillean sun.

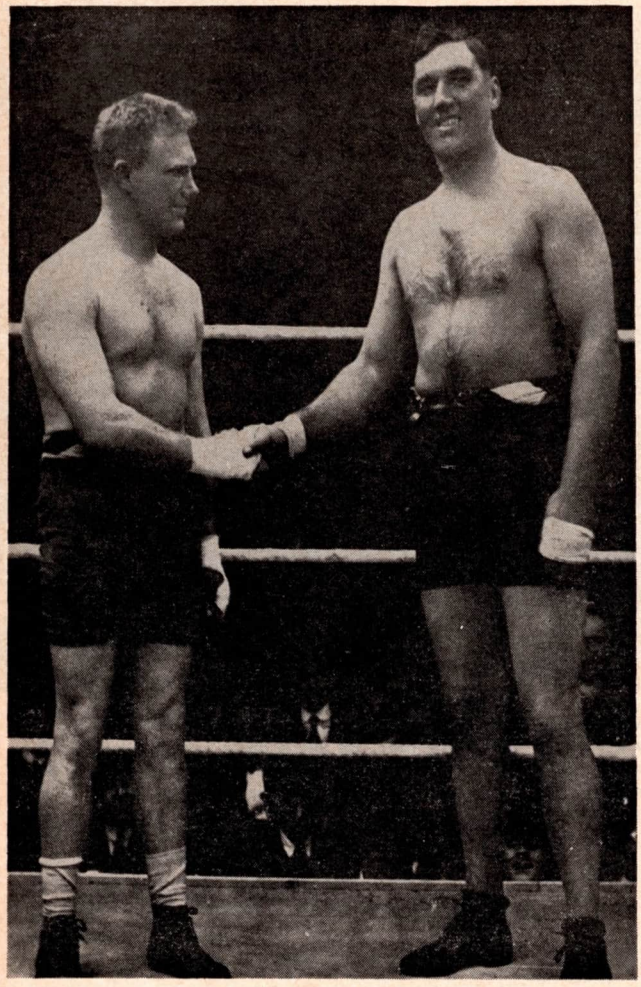
3)—That Willard is standing over Johnson while referee Jack Welch tolls the ten. Welch did not bother to order Jess to a neutral corner.

Now, then, did Johnson lift his legs as an automatic reaction?

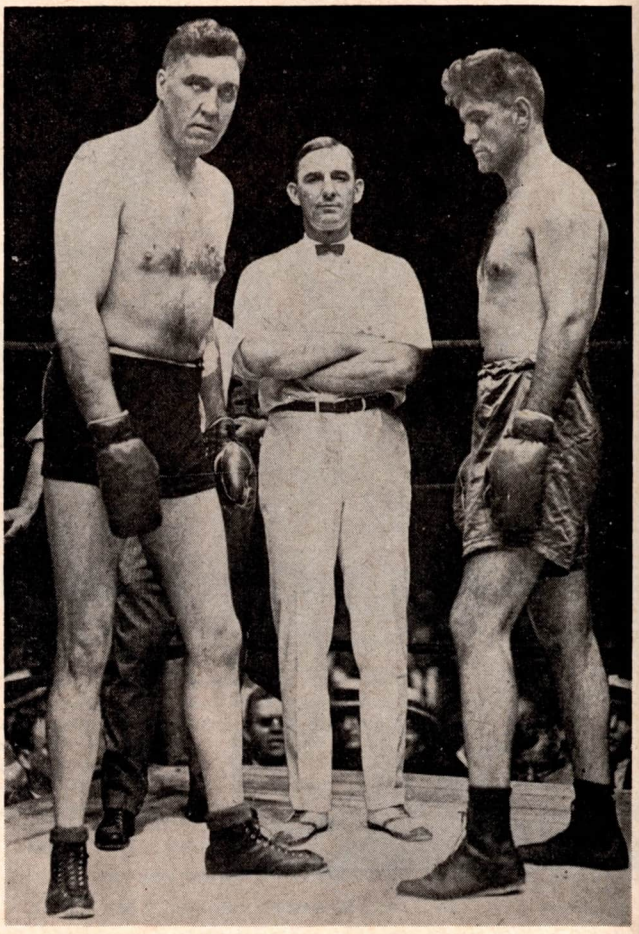
Did Johnson shade his eyes lying there half conscious, knowing what was going on and yet unable to arise?

Did Johnson get knocked out or did he quit? There is in the offices of The Ring Magazine a signed confession by Johnson that he threw the fight. He sold this document to Nat Fleischer in a period of financial stringency. Fleischer says:—

"I have Jack's confession. But I refuse to accept it as bona fide. He had the fight on points after the nineteenth round. Then he began to wilt. His rustiness, his years of easy living, his having been hounded by the U.S. law as an alleged violator

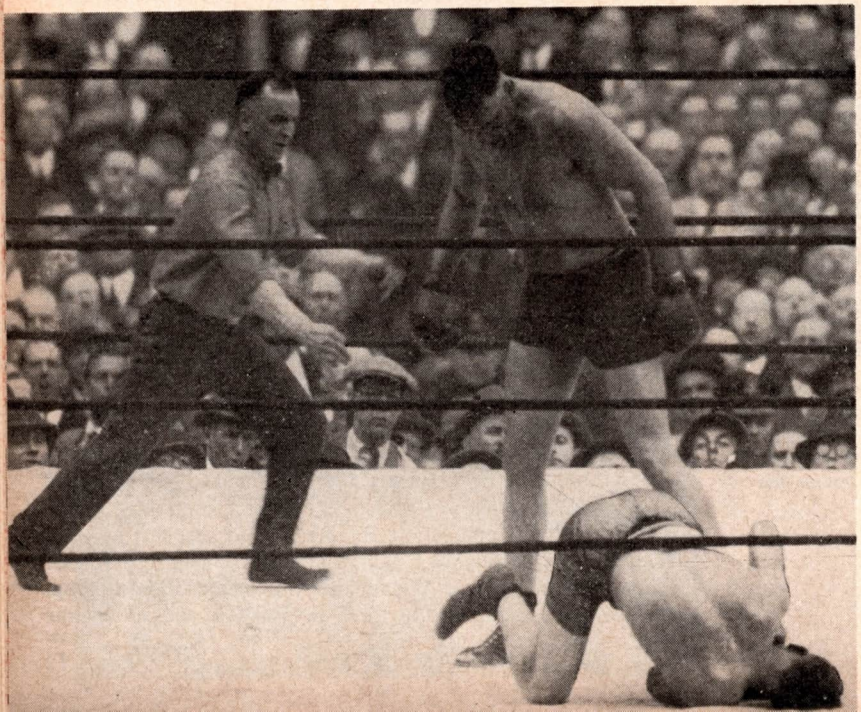


Jess Willard is on the right, Frank Moran is the other guy. They are in the ring of the old Garden in New York on March 25, 1916. They went ten rounds without official decision. Jess got the newspaper edge.



The year is 1923. The place, Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, is about to stop Jess in eight and end the one time champion's ring career.

Here we are in Yankee Stadium on May 12, 1923. Willard just has knocked out Floyd Johnson in the eleventh round. Whether Jess knows it or not, he is only one fight, less than 24 minutes, away from the final appearance of a career dating back to 1911.



of the Mann Act, and the resolute attack maintained by Willard, wore Jack down, and in the twenty sixth round, out."

This version has been refuted by others who saw the Havana fight and insisted that Johnson and his wife had entered into an arrangement with gamblers, "for a price."

In any event, Willard left the Cuban ring the heavyweight champion of the world.

Willard lost the title to a man who he had under-rated beyond belief. When Tex Rickard told Jess that he had signed Dempsey to fight him, Jess demurred. He said he was afraid he might kill the Mauler.

However, Tex was adamant and got Governor Cox, of Ohio, to okeh the fight for Toledo.

Dempsey weighed 187 pounds, and stood 6 feet 1½ inches in height.

Willard tipped the beam at 245 pounds

The big man on the left is Willard. The dude with the silk hat is the onetime champion Bob Fitzsimmons, and around them are a lot of merry villagers. Fitz's tophat is on view in The Ring's Boxing Museum.

The date is circa 1916. Willard is being exposed as a motion picture "actor". The ground is strewn with wounded Mexicans and Our Hero is about to make yet another one bite the dust. It is recorded in flicker history that Jess did not disturb actor ratings with his bizarre performance.

Willard has hastened home to Chicago after his 1916 meeting with Moran in New York. Jess was an ardent family man. He is holding his son Jess, Jr. in his firm embrace. Love of his wife and kids was one of Willard's chief enduring qualities.

Jess Willard at age 84, at his California ranch. Gray of thatch, bright of smile, happy with his reminiscences despite the Dempsey fight, Jess is the oldest surviving world champion. And, as the sun set over the Pacific, goodbye Jess! Fare well!

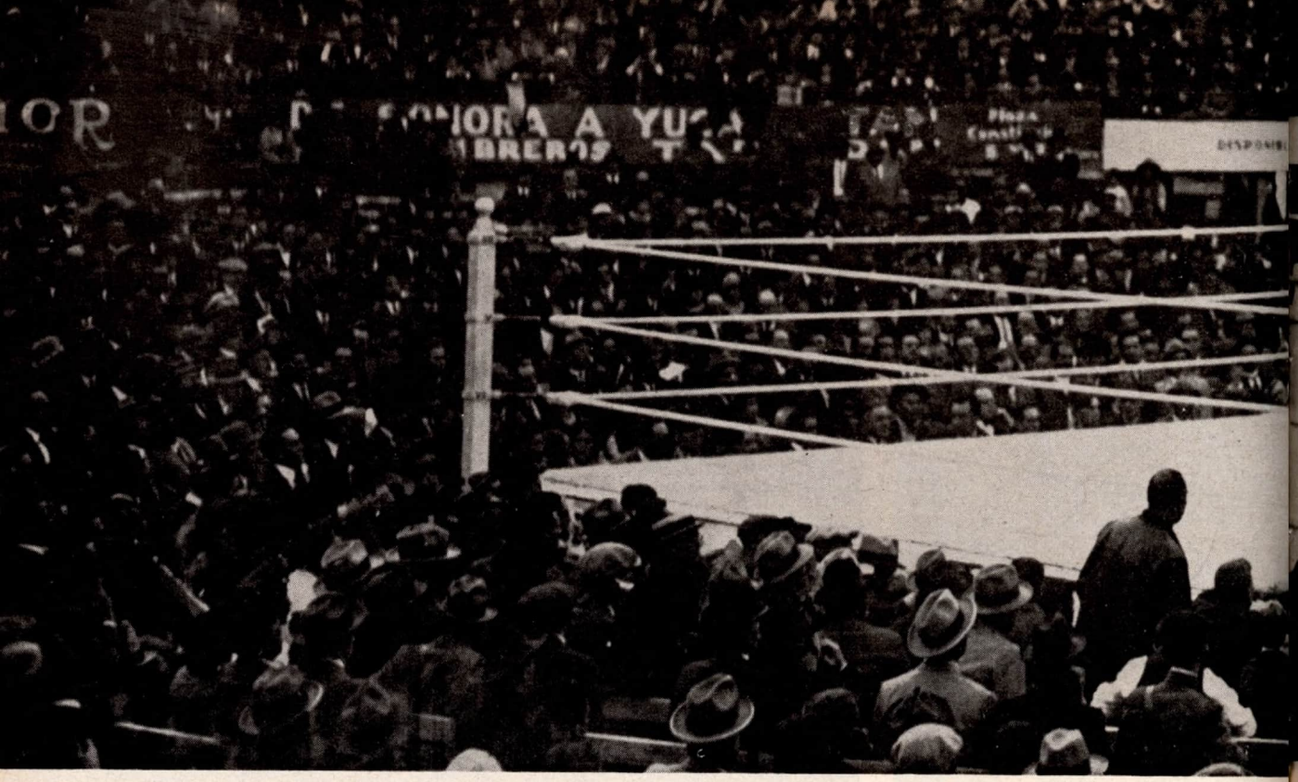
and towered 6 feet 6½ inches into the ambient. The Kansan's reach extended 83½ inches.

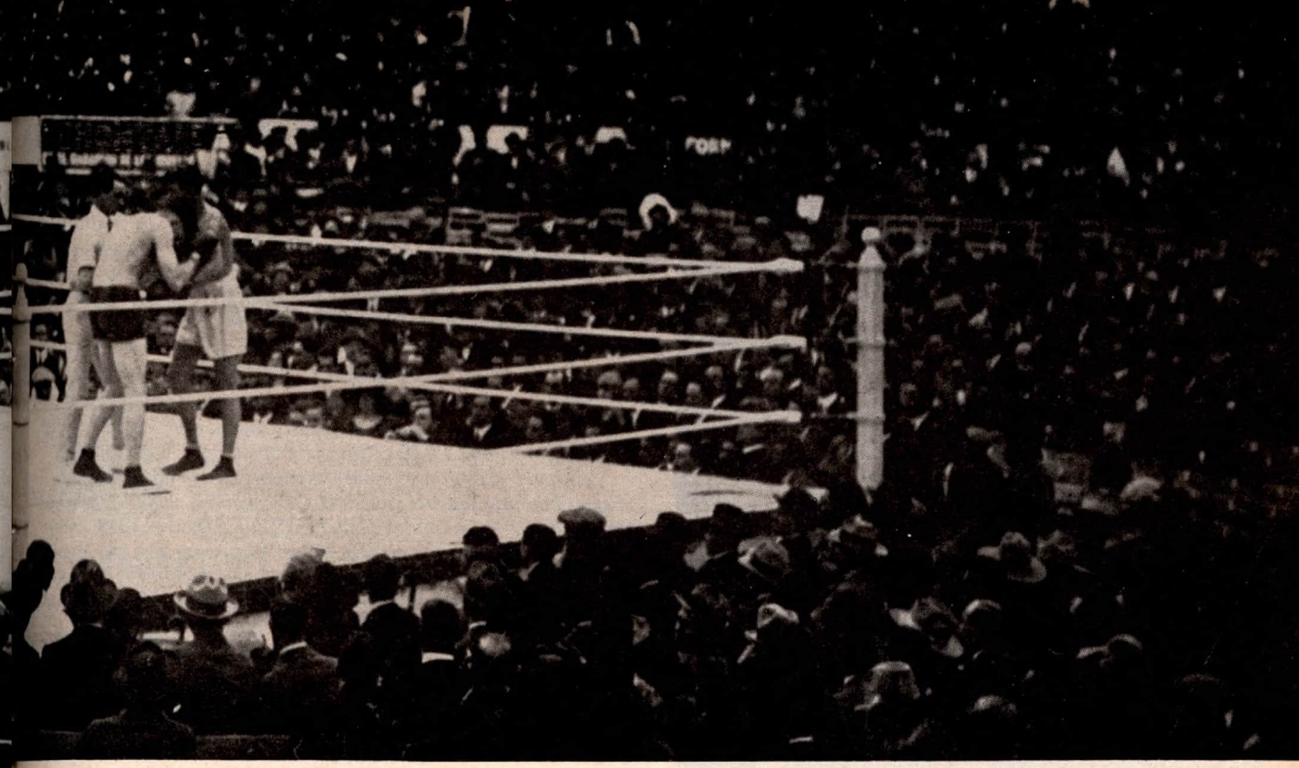
Dempsey floored Willard seven times in a wild first round. The final bell could not be heard in the pandemonium, and referee Ollie Pecord pulled the boo-boo of raising Jack's arm in token of title victory. However, Dempsey had to be called back for the second round.

Willard put on a rally in the third heat but it was brief and inadequate.

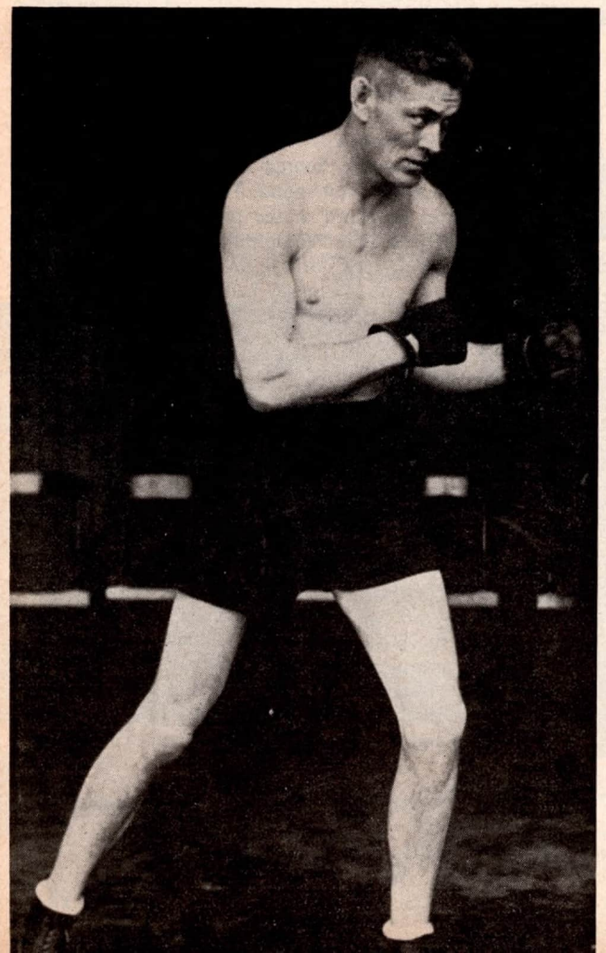
As the fans, 19,000 of them, waited for Jess to come out for the fourth he called Pecord over and announced his retirement. Jack Hemple, one of his handlers, tossed a towel into the ring, and thus William Harrison Dempsey became the champion of the world, a title he held until September, 1926, when he lost it to Gene Tunney.

So goes the boxing saga of Jess Willard, the biggest and heaviest champion of the glove era. He got $100,000 dollars of 1919 vintage for the Dempsey fight, a splendid nest egg with which to return to his family and contemplate his retirement.





Above, Dempsey is shown in an exhibition with Jack League in February 1926, in El Toreo, Mexico City. The arena was jammed as if the title were at stake against a formidable rival. Below, on the left, we see Tunney as he looked when he encountered the Manassa Mauler in their first battle, in Philadelphia, in September 1926.



"Ring Rust Fatal Factor in My Defeat", Says Dempsey—

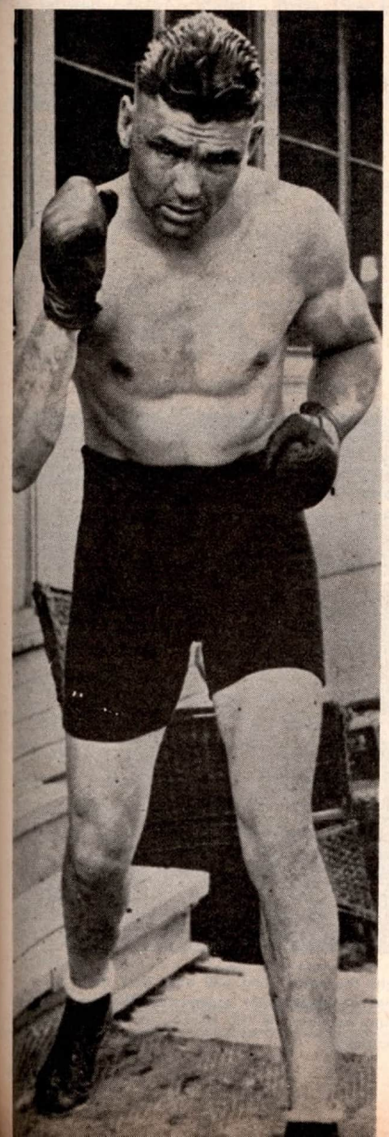
By AL BUCK

"IT KILLED ME." Jack Dempsey was answering an often asked question: Does a long layoff hurt a fighter?

Call it ring rust. There is no substitute for steady work, no matter what the trade. Fighters are craftsmen. Boxing requires highly polished skills. Time takes its toll, but inactivity demands a deadly price. The final reckoning is always the same. The inevitable residue is defeat.

"Nothing takes the place of a fight. A long layoff destroys a boxer's timing," Dempsey explained. *"His confidence suffers, and while he refuses to admit it, even to himself, he is likely to have sacrificed speed.*

"You can't get these things back in training. A fighter has to



On the lower left there is an interesting shot of Dempsey in the days when he was young, virile, and the toughest puncher in world boxing. The famous Dempsey right is poised for trouble. And trouble it produced, until that rainy night in Philadelphia 39 years ago. (Yes, Jack, 39!)

fight, and keep fighting. Physical condition may be gained by hard work, but something has been lost. Once in the ring he's likely to discover he is no longer as sharp as he should be, or has to be."

Dempsey lost the heavyweight title after being absent from the ring for three years, and nine days. On Sept. 14, 1923, he knocked out Luis Angel Firpo in two rounds. On Sept. 23, 1926, Gene Tunney outpointed him in 10 rounds at Philadelphia.

"Let me say that Tunney might have defeated me at any time in our careers," said Jack. *"On that rainy night in Philadelphia he needed no help.*

"There were a number of reasons for my long layoff. After the Firpo fight I had broken with Jack Kearns, my manager. We never had a contract, but we split everything 50-50. Kearns never gave me an accounting.

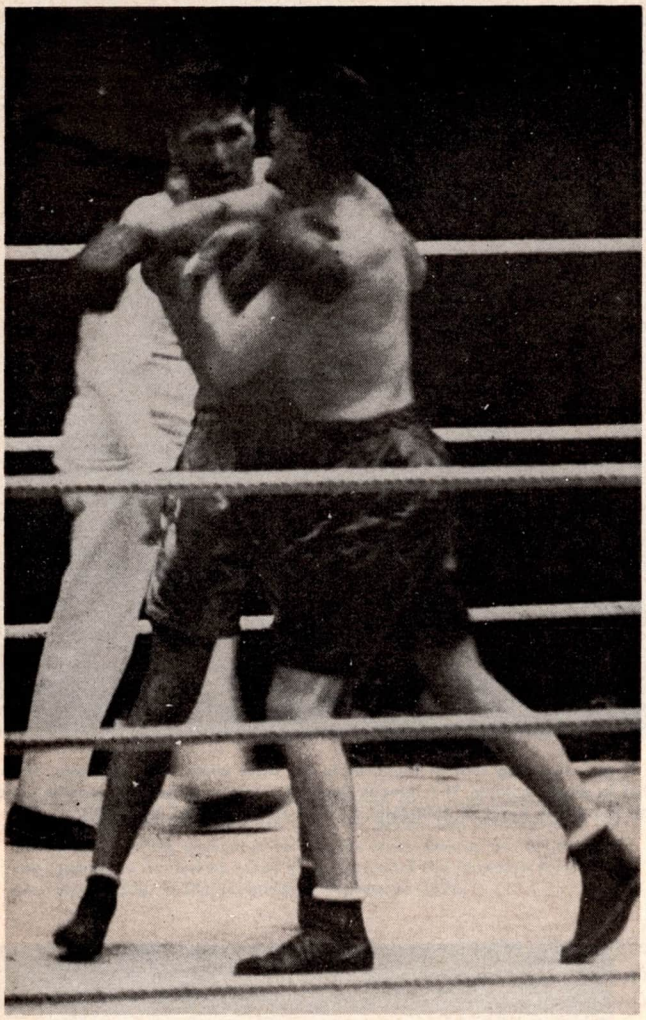
"We never had an agreement, but prior to the Firpo fight the New York Commission insisted we file a manager-fighter document stipulating a one third-two thirds split. I never signed the Commission contract. Nevertheless Kearns produced such a document. He had three law suits pending against me.

'I was afraid to shake hands with anybody, fearing it might be another process server. Eventually I won in court, but as can be imagined the suits did not contribute to my peace of mind."

For three years Dempsey engaged only in exhibition bouts. They all lasted one or two rounds There were vaudeville tours, but during this period Harry Wills was casting a dark shadow.

"The New York Commission demanded I fight Wills. There was no reason I shouldn't, although the move was politically motivated," Dempsey continued. *"I was willing and signed with Floyd Fitzsimmons, who guaranteed me $1,000,000.*

"Wills got a down payment of $50,000. The promoter never came up with my end, and all I received was a $25,000 check that bounced. Tex Rickard talked vaguely about Washington being opposed to a title fight involving a Negro. Eventually he



We see Tunney, on the right, and Dempsey in the fight in which the Marine took the title from Jack in a ten round brawl on a nasty September night in Philly in 1926. The Mauler entered the ring an 11 to 5 choice.

offered me Tunney as a challenger, and I accepted."

New York would not approve the match. Eventually Rickard moved it to Philadelphia, where it was held in a driving rain.

"Gene Normile replaced Kearns, and there were people about me who knew the boxing business, but I felt I had to run the training camps," Dempsey explained. *"First in California and later at Saratoga I was, or was trying to, run the show.*

"I couldn't concentrate. I couldn't untrack myself. I kept telling myself Tunney was just a boxer. It was a comforting thought, about the only one I had.

"I reasoned I'd move in through his light punches, and once I was in range I'd finish him.

"Of course, I never caught up with him. Gene walked out of his corner and hit me with a good straight right. A couple of inches lower, and I'd have hit the canvas.

"Either I was slower than I thought, or Gene was faster. I began blaming the wet ring, but Gene had no trouble moving. When I'd get set to punch Gene was gone. He won going away.

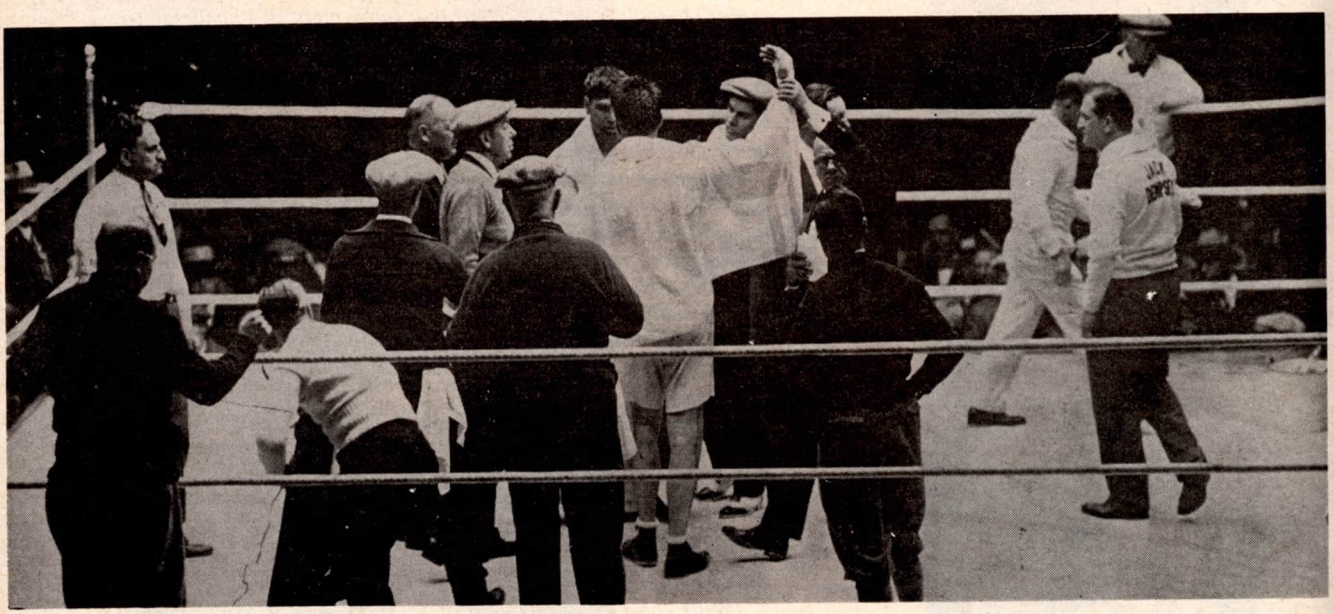
"I had one consolation. I had lost to a great fighter, one of the greatest. There were rumors I had been doped. I could have been, but I wasn't and nobody fixed the officials. Tunney won because he was the better fighter."

Dempsey and Tunney enjoy a fine relationship today. The families are friendly, and when Gene's son, John Varick Tunney, last November ran for Congress in California, Jack went out to the Coast and campaigned for him.

"The crowds at my rallies were largest ever drawn in my district," Rep. Tunney, a successful candidate, said when he addressed the Boxing Writers' Association dinner recently. *"Dad would lead off by introducing Jack. Then Dempsey would introduce me.*

"I told the voters that after I finished speaking we would show fight pictures. They had to stay and listen to me to see the movies. They stayed."

"Dempsey is the real champion. When I told him Varick was running for Congress, he said he'd go out and campaign for him," Tunney Sr. said at the writers' dinner. *"I said if he would go, I would go too. Varick made the decision to run on his own. I advised him to build up his law practice first, and make some money, but he had made up his mind* *(Continued on page 52)*



Above, Tunney, with his back to the camera, is proclaimed the winner and new world heavyweight champion. You will note that there is no scene of riot and bedlam. The camera shot gives the impression that Gene's unlooked for success was an unpleasant occurrence. The press and the general public were too engrossed in the problem of getting back into town from the big sprawling stadium on the fringes of Philadelphia's trash heaps. Standing to Dempsey's right, the man in the cap, is Billy Gibson, who was Gene's manager.

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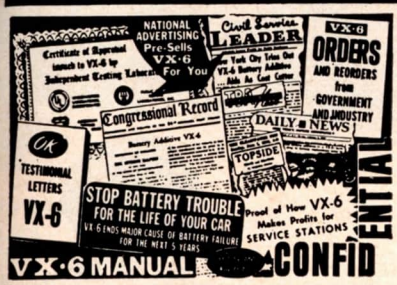

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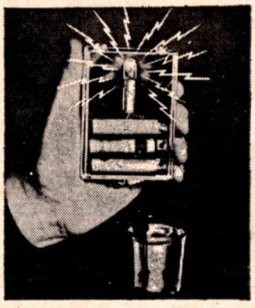

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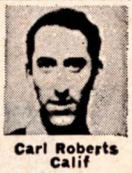

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4 Aces Are Hard to Beat

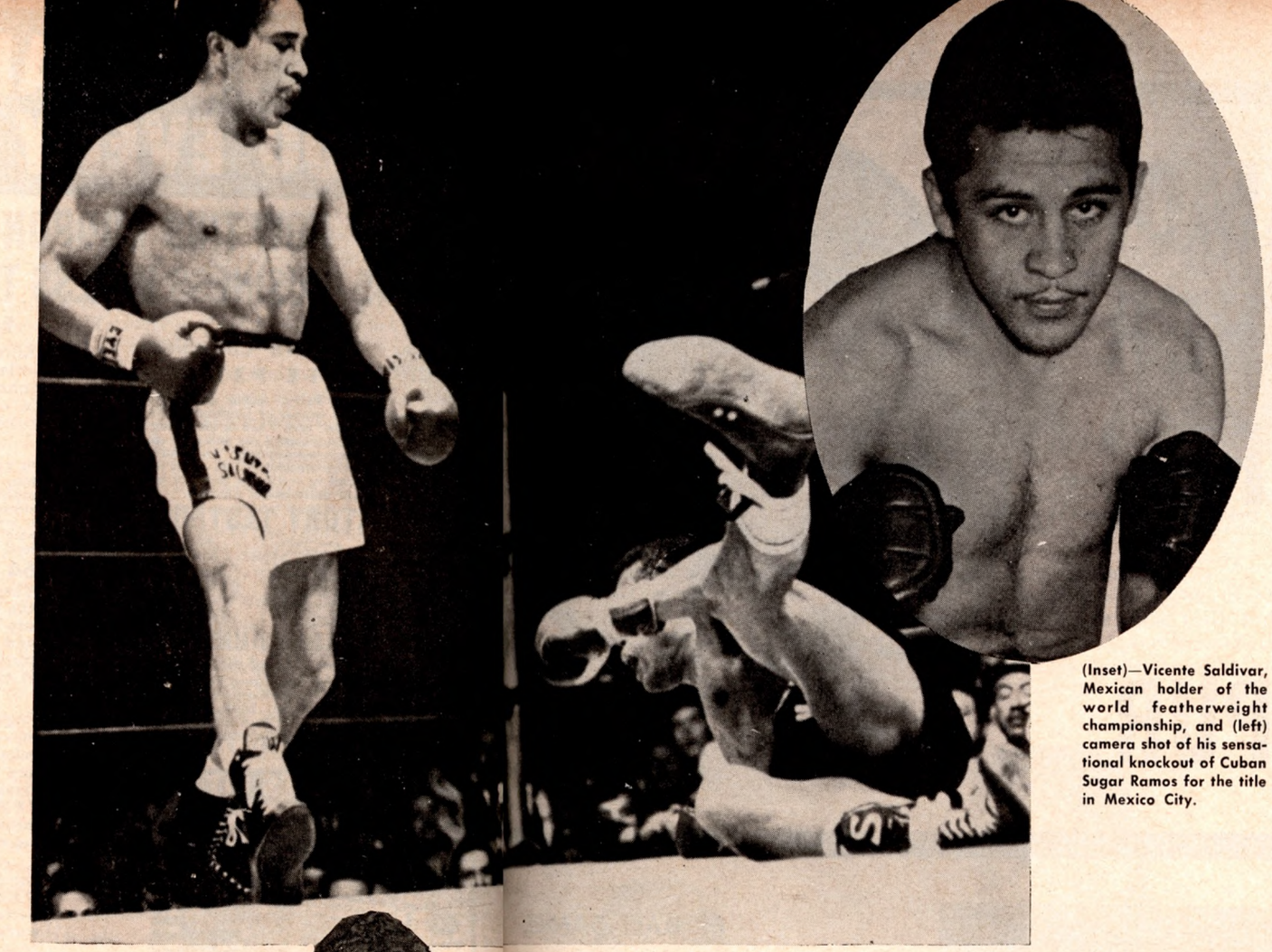
Kingpetch, Saldivar, Jofre and Ortiz Keeping Action Busy in Lands Outside U.S.A.

By JERSEY JONES

WHILE the heavyweights, when they are active, exert a near monopoly on the attention of the boxing public, particularly when a championship bout is coming up, the members of the sock market's lighter divisions are not entirely ignored and they manage to keep moving along a fairly even tenor of their respective ways.

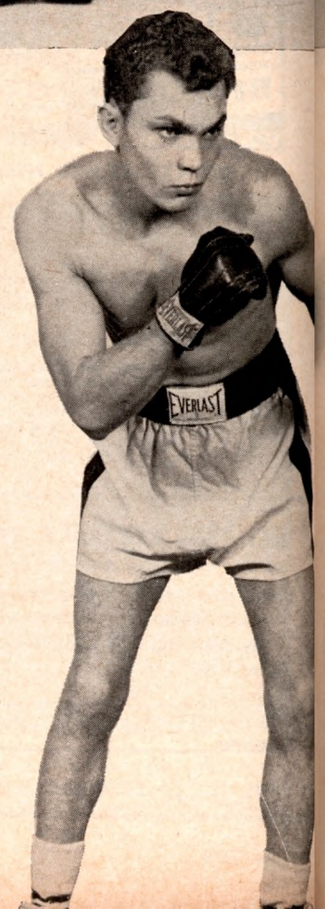
The divisions immediately below the heavyweight—light-heavyweight, middleweight and welterweight—may not have the psychological appeal of the heavyweights, but they have no intention of resting on past laurels and applying for unemployment relief. They operate often enough to get a fair share of the public's interest.

The real problem, so far as the American scene is concerned, is in the four lightest classes—flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight and lightweight—which have been relegated to minor status. While they have been fading away in activity and importance in Yankee rings, however, they are contributing much to boxing's popularity in other lands.



(Inset)—Vicente Saldivar, Mexican holder of the world featherweight championship, and (left) camera shot of his sensational knockout of Cuban Sugar Ramos for the title in Mexico City.

(Left)—Carlos Ortiz's family are his most enthusiastic fans. Left to right they are Carlos Junior, Mrs. Norma Ortiz and daughters Cynthia and Noreen. (Right)—Familiar fighting pose of colorful Puerto Rican, who has become world traveler since winning lightweight title. Carlos has been finding it more profitable to fight in other lands than in the United States, where he was developed as a ringster.



Which is not difficult to understand, considering that three of the four world champions belong to nations outside the United States. Flyweight Pone Kingpetch is a Thai, bantamweight Eder Jofre a Brazilian and featherweight Vicente Saldivar a Mexican. The fourth, lightweight Carlos Ortiz, is an American citizen but a native of Puerto Rico.

Of added significance is the fact that the foremost title contenders in these four weight classes also are non-Yanks. Kingpetch's leading rival is Salvatore Burruni of Italy. No. 1 on Jofre's list of challengers is Jesus Pimental of Mexico. Outstanding among Saldivar's pursuers are Floyd Robertson of Ghana and Howard Winstone of Wales. And Ortiz shortly will risk his laurels against Ismael Laguna in the latter's bailiwick, Panama.

Time was, and not too far in the distant past, when the little fellows were popular attractions throughout the United States, and many a classic chapter in boxing archives was authored by them. Outstanding international matches were frequent, often for world championships. The leather-tossing trade was flourishing in those happier eras, when fighters were popping up in wholesale lots all over the landscape. Every weight class was loaded with ringsters of assorted talents, and many of them went on to national and international recognition.

But the years move on and conditions change with their moving. A sort of "creeping paralysis" seems to have infected the American ring. Starting at the bottom of the scales, the flyweights were the first to disappear from the major scene. Then the bantamweights vanished. The featherweights followed, and now the lightweights appear to be heading for the dark recesses of oblivion.

In recent years, the only locality trying to keep the little fellows alive in the United States has been California, and if current efforts materialize, the next bout for the world featherweight title will pit Saldivar against Floyd Robertson in Los Angeles.

This is one bout that should excite the interest of Southern California with its tremendous Mexican population and its enthusiastic "neutral" fans. There are lively publicity angles involved in the bout, particularly the respective performances of Saldivar and Robertson in championship bouts with Sugar Ramos last year. Robertson's cohorts insist that Floyd was "robbed" of the decision and title in Ghana, and argue that the pasting he tossed into Ramos "softened" the Cuban for Saldivar in Mexico City.

Promoters in both Mexico and Ghana have been angling for the Saldivar-Robertson match, but up to this writing their efforts haven't met with encouraging response. Robertson isn't too keen about fighting in Mexico and Saldivar is even less enthusiastic about going to Africa. "Neutral" Los Angeles appears to be the logical site for the bout.

Of the four champions of the lighter divisions, Saldivar probably is the least known to the world at large. He has never boxed outside his native Mexico, and until he tangled with Ramos his only internationally rated opponent was the Panamanian, Ismael Laguna, whom he outpointed in Tijuana.

The Mexican, a southpaw, is 21 and compiled a fine amateur record before turning professional in 1961. In twenty-four bouts prior to his title-winning clash with Ramos, the only defeat he suffered (on a disqualification) was squared away in a return match. He became Mexican champion early in 1964. Since the Ramos affair, he has made one sucessful defense of his Mexican laurels.

Veteran authorities who have seen him in action insist that, pound for pound, Jofre is the finest fighting machine in the ring today. The 29-year-old Brazilian's record is an impressive one, indeed. Campaigning professionally since 1957, he has been unbeaten in 49 starts, three draws early in his career representing the only smears on his 'scutcheon. Ernesto Miranda twice held him even in '57, and Ruben Caceres stalemated him in '58. Jofre took care of those two gentlemen later, however. He knocked Caceres out in '59, and in '60 paid off his debt to Miranda by whipping him in one match and knocking him out in another.

Upon the retirement of Mexican Joe Becerra as world bantamweight champion in 1960, Jofre won partial claim to the vacant title by polishing off Eloy Sanchez in Los Angeles, then strengthened his claim by finishing the Italian, Piero Rollo, in Rio de Janeiro.

Since then the classy Brazilian has made seven successful defenses of his laurels—and all have ended in knockouts! In fact, Jofre sports one of the most impressive punching records in bantamweight annals. Of his forty-six victories, no less than thirty-six have been abbreviated, and his current k.o. streak has stretched to sixteen, including the seven title defense! Since disposing of Rollo, Jofre has polished off Ramon Arias in Caracas, Johnny Caldwell

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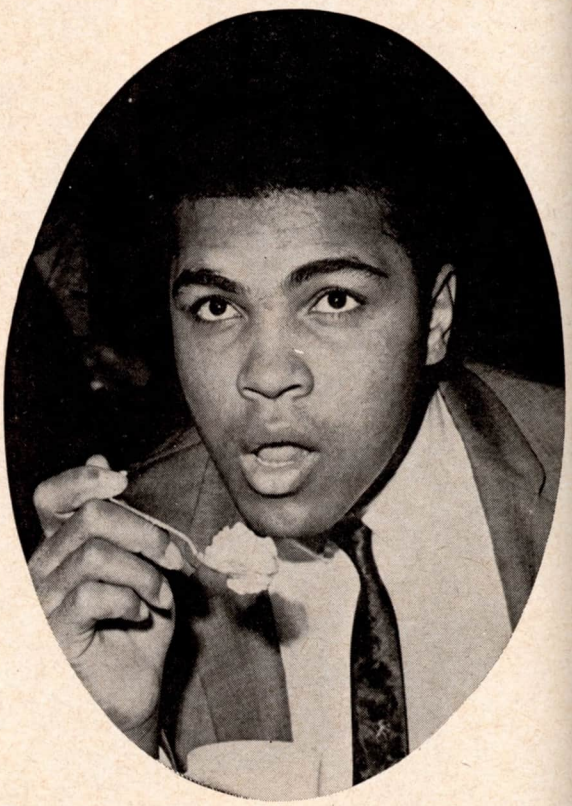
CLAY CLAMORS FOR ANOTHER WHITE HOPE ERA AS BOXING SPUR



Mohammed Ali admires fist of heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey with feigned shock as the present heavyweight champ gags it up with Dempsey at Annual Boxing Writer's Dinner at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

By DAN DANIEL

AFTER his recent appearance before the Boxing Writers Association in New York and some 400 other diners in the Waldorf-Astoria the man who won the world heavyweight championship under his natal name of Cassius Clay and now insists he is Mohammed Ali visited the Ring Magazine offices and expanded his views on the boxing situation.

"I don't know whether what I am going to say encroaches on racial topics too closely," Cassius-Mohammed said.

"I dislike strongly going into racial subjects. Often this brings about heavy criticism. But I believe I can talk openly to the Ring, to which I owe so much and which has stood by me against the ridiculous announcements of the ridiculous WBA.

"A fight between two high grade Negro heavyweights is fine. A fight between a Negro of class and a white of class is greater still.

"You remember—I don't—that after Jack Johnson, the first Negro to hold the heavyweight title—had knocked out Jim Jeffries and established his right to the title, a boxing period known as the White Hope Era set in.

"All over the country this White Hope

epidemic boosted boxing. Some fine new white fighters came out of it. Fine Negro fighters, too, if we take the word of so many veteran fight writers led by Nat Fleischer.

"It took five years for the White Hope Era to produce results to the point at which Jess Willard, a white fighter, knocked out Jack Johnson in Havana, Cuba, in 1915.

"Those were five big years for boxing. They brought on bigger years. A man named Dempsey came out of the West and knocked out Willard. A fighter named Gene Tunney came out of the Marines and beat Dempsey.

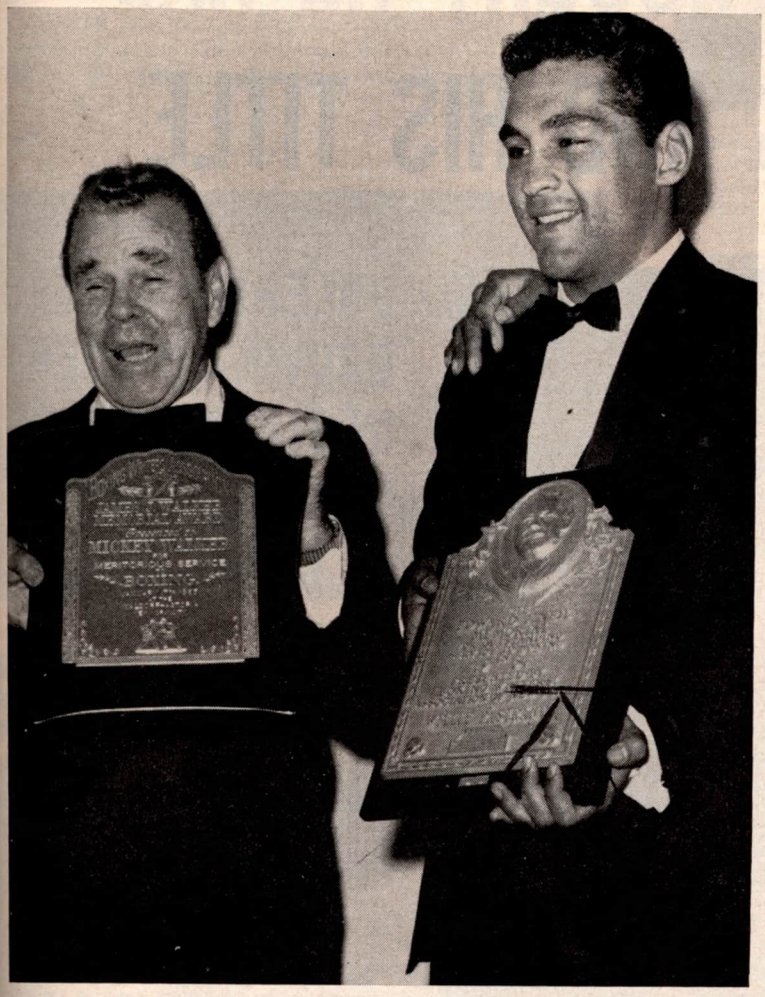
"Boxing went into a prosperity which had not been seen before and has not been equalled since."

Mohammed let this sink in. Here was a 22 year old youngster who had little schooling. He talked with the logic and coherence of a veteran thoroughly familiar with boxing history and ring conditions, backed by a convincing delivery.

"What we need now is a new White Hope Era. We need a lot of white fighters," Mohammed Clay continued.

"If I had a challenger like Gene Tunney of 1926 and 1927 we could make $30 million. Not only that, we could give boxing a shot in the arm which would place it in greater favor than ever before.

Gene Tunney, ex heavyweight champ is amused as Jack Dempsey and Thomas V. Tunney, a Congressman and son of Gene, share amusing story after the Congressman spoke in defense of boxing at Boxing Writers' affair.



Honored by the Boxing Writers! Former welterweight and middleweight champion Mickey Walker, left, poses with The James J. Walker plaque, which he received for long and meritorious service to boxing. To his right is Willie Pastrano, light heavyweight champion of the world, with his plaque, The Eddie Neil Award, given to the BWA "Fighter of The Year" and the most coveted prize in professional sports in the U.S.A.

"What a wonderful time for boxing that was when Tunney came along to challenge Dempsey. Imagine a time when boxing had two standouts like Jack and Gene. I wonder if boxing appreciated it.

"We should have a white challenger of class, a man respected as a fighter by the entire boxing population of the world.

"Let's face it. There still is racial rivalry, whether we want to come out with it or just glide over the subject lightly. Racial rivalry certainly was a big factor when Willard met Johnson.

"They tell me that when Johnson knocked out old man Jeffries, who, says my friend Nat Fleischer, never should have come out of retirement, they had deadly race riots in Chicago, and some bad action in New York.

"You go over the list of our first ten heavyweights and what do you find? The white contenders are so low down in the ratings that they don't figure very seriously.

"I am for George Chuvalo developing into a very respected contender. In his fight with Floyd Patterson I suppose I should have been rooting for Floyd, whom I do not regard as a top fighter because twice he had a chance to last three minutes with Sonny Liston. Twice he failed.

"With all his brain work, Patterson could not think out the obvious method of beating Liston, to make him move around, to prevent him from hitting at a stationary target, and to bring out his advanced age.

"Patterson can't be of much use to me after I beat Liston again, and you can regard that as an accomplished fact. I can't ask the fans to come out to see me fight a man who twice was knocked out by Liston in the first round. At least that's the way things shape up in my mind.

"They tell me that there are some half dozen young white fighters who may develop. I sure hope they do, for my sake and for the sake of boxing in general."

Mohammed Clay stopped for air.

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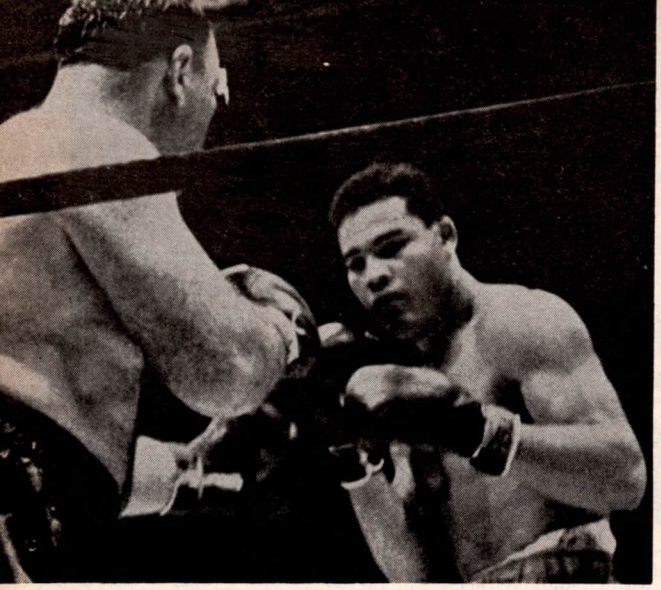
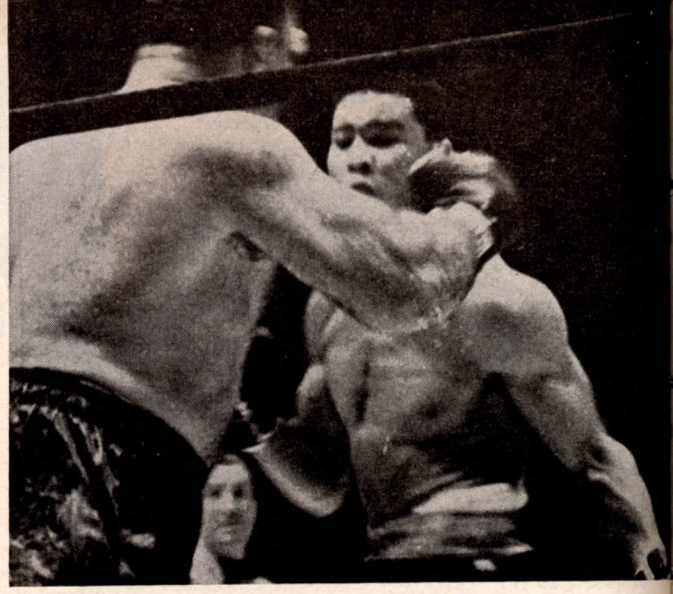
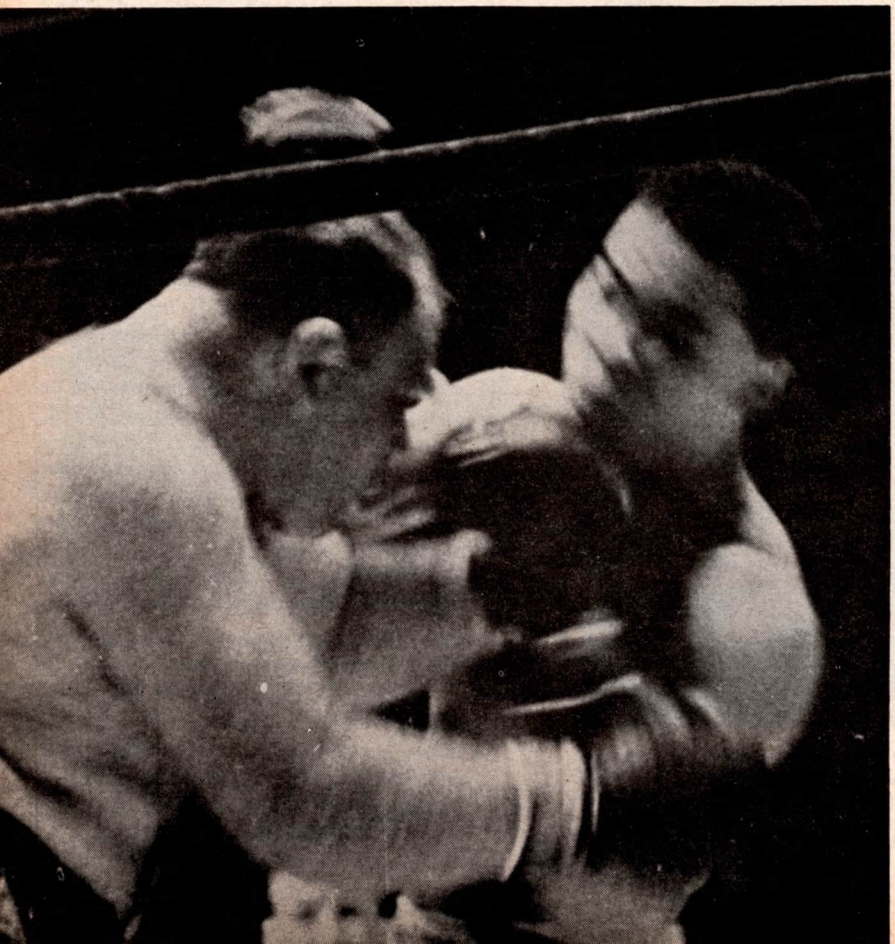


The date, June 28, 1939. The site, Yankee Stadium. The event, Joe Louis, world champion, vs. Two Ton Tony Galento, 233¾ pounds. They are about to have a fight, Joe's seventh defense of title he won from James J. Braddock. Note Tony's svelte figure.



Galento, who had staggered Louis with a left to the head in the first round, aims a hard right at Joe's noggin in the second. Joe looks very serious. He had planned to play a while with Tony but that smack changed his mind. Once more, please note Galento's svelte figure.

TWO TON THOUGHT HE HAD JOE LOUIS AND HIS TITLE



GALENTO ROCKED BROWN BOMBER IN FIRST ROUND, FLOORED HIM IN FIERY THIRD

(The Ring Magazine thanks Jimmy Jacobs for these remarkable, hitherto unpublished pictures of the Louis-Galento fight. The shots were picked out of the movies of the four round contest, which are part of the famous Jacobs collection of fistic classics.)

This shows the gladiators early in the eventful third round. You examine Galento's ten layers of lard around the stomach and wonder how the doctors passed him for the fight, especially with his 155 blood pressure. However, Louis is fighting one of the freaks of fistic history, and a game guy.

ON JUNE 22, 1937, in Chicago, Joe Louis knocked out Jim Braddock in eight rounds and became the heavyweight champion of the world.

In his first defense Joe won from Tommy Farr in a fifteen rounder.

Then Louis scored seven consecutive knockouts, starting with Nathan Mann in three and winding up with Bob Pastor in eleven.

No. 6 in this string of knockouts saw Louis dispose of Tony Galento in the fourth round in Yankee Stadium on June 28, 1939.

The fight attracted 34,852 fans who paid a total of $333,308. Tony picked up $42,141, Joe got $96,323.

For Galento the meeting with Louis climaxed a series of eleven knockout victories, starting with an eight round success against Al Ettore in Nutley, N.J., and winding up with a three round setback for Abe Feldman in Miami.

True, Two Ton Tony was stopped in the fourth. But in the third round he let go with a left hook which sent Louis sprawling to the ring floor.

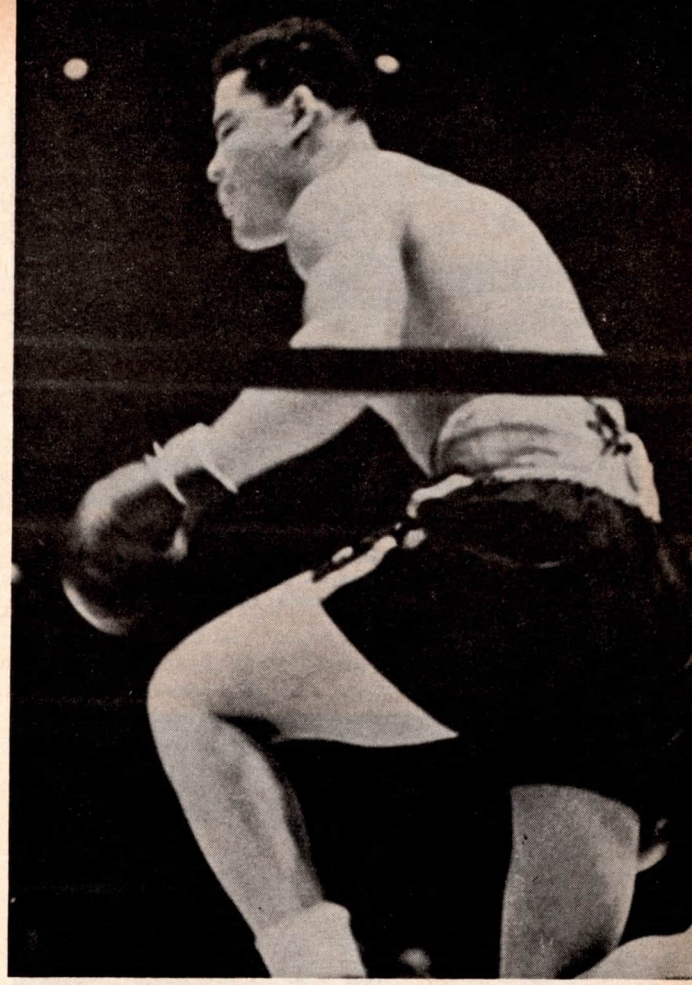
That hook made one of the most fantastic stories in the history of boxing.

Suppose Galento had had a little more behind that punch? Suppose that instead of rising at the count of ?? Louis had taken the ten and Tony had become the world champion?

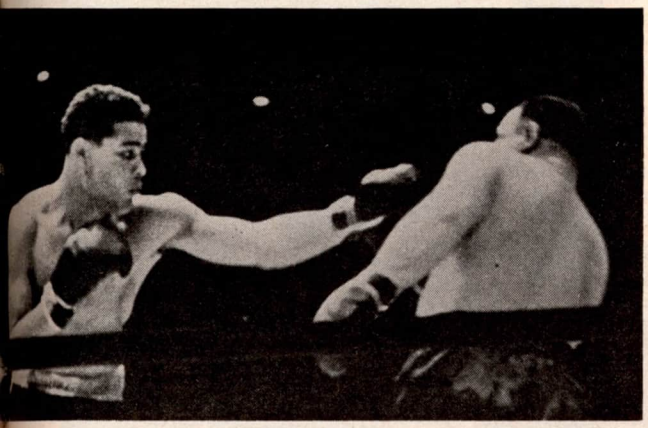
The fight was beyond belief all the way. Galento had about as much right to fight Louis as John Henry Lewis, Jack Roper and quite a few others had had to exchange punches with the Brown Bomber. But—there was that hook.

Louis went into the ring an 8 to 1 favorite. There was next to no betting action. The odds could have been 20 to 1.

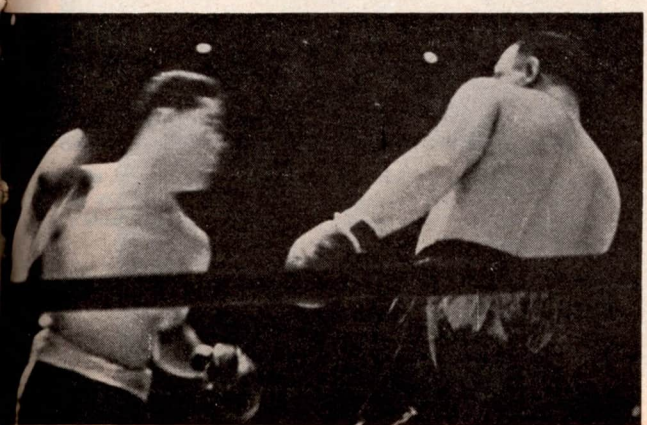
Galento was 29 years of age and presented a picture even

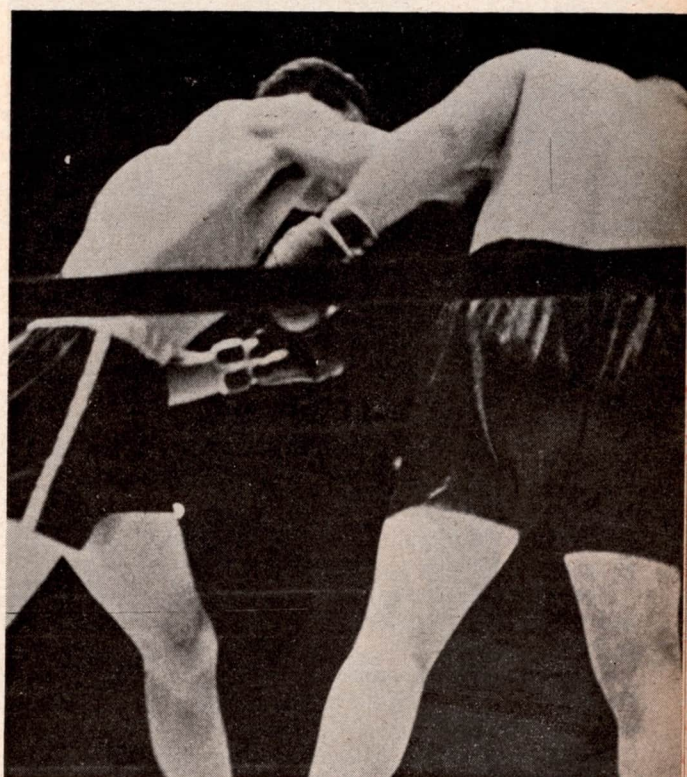


The third round and one of the high points in heavyweight history. What you see here, Louis rising from the deck, actually happened. The camera does not lie. A left hook to the head decked the Brown Bomber. But while the house went nuts, Louis arose at the count of one, apparently unhurt.

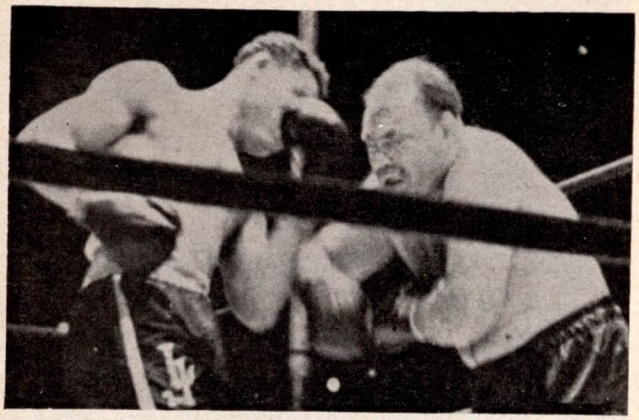


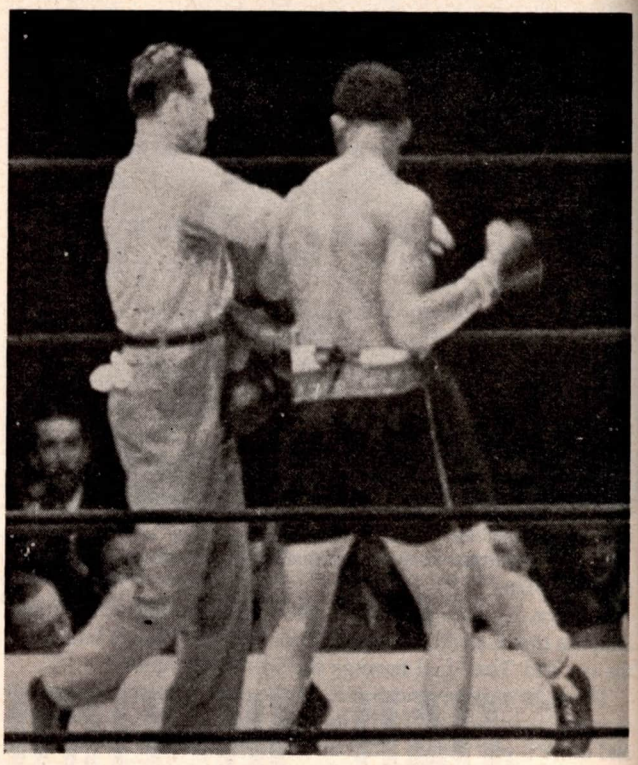
Louis arose feeling resentment against himself because he had made a serious blunder and given Two Ton the Big Opening. "The hook hurt my pride more than my body," Louis said later. He is boxing around with Galento, trying to find a favorable spot for the Big Enforcer which the Bomber carried in both gloves.



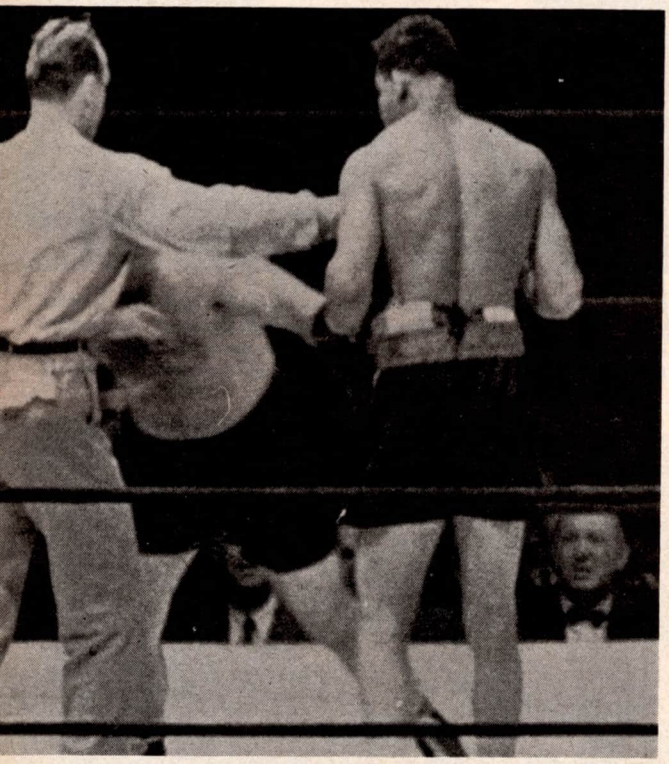


It is still the third round. Galento thought he had hurt his man seriously. But Louis is belting away and Tony is holding his left out there in readiness for another effort to make Joseph pay a second visit to the deck.

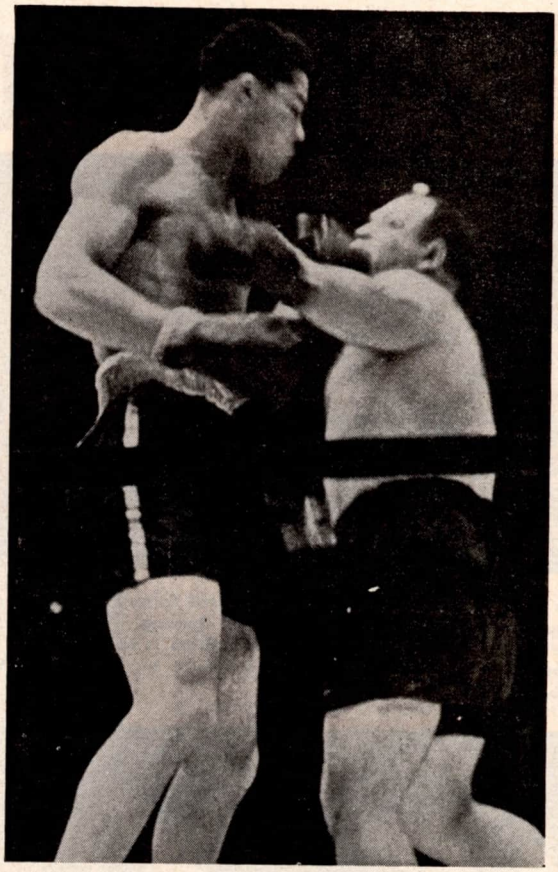




On the left we see Galento in obvious trouble. For him it is the Fatal Fourth, his last round. Two Ton just has stopped a hard right with his head and needs aspirin. On the right we see referee Arthur Donovan, soon to be very much in the spotlight as the signaller of "That's It," breaking them.



Calm and cool, Louis is measuring Two Ton. The fourth has gone more than a minute, and Joe has scheduled this as the Grand Finale. He sticks to his schedule, like a true champion.



Louis is sticking his left into his opponent's puss and said opponent does not admire what he is getting. The story of the round says, "Louis crashed a left and a right to Galento's waiting chin."

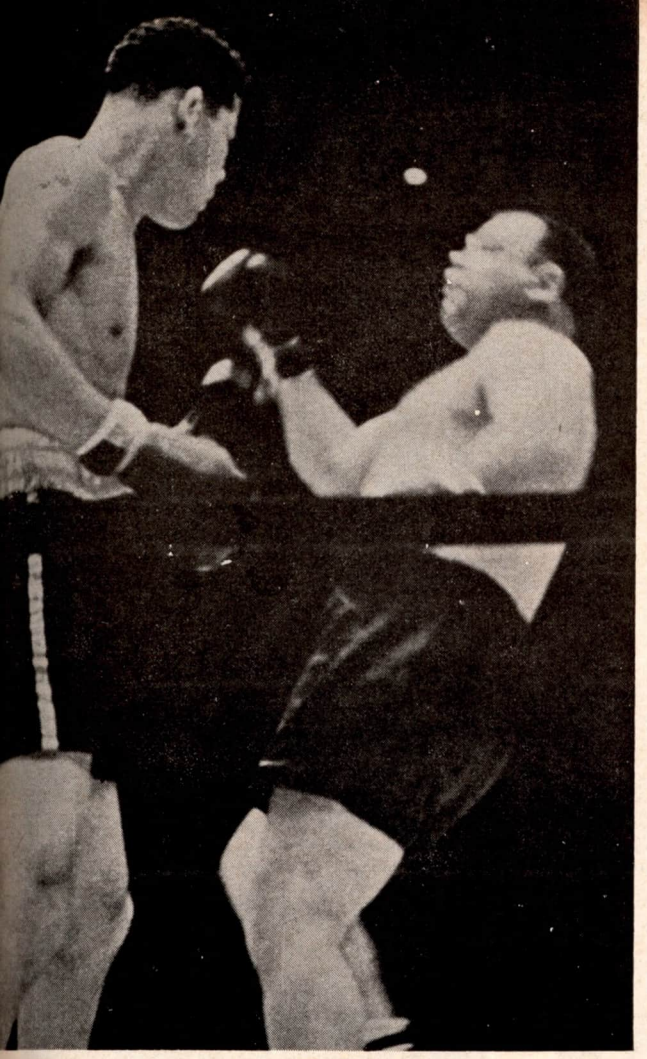
more alien to boxing than pudgy Willie Meehan had been as an opponent for Jack Dempsey.

Tony was outrageously fat. He stood 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighed 233¾ pounds for Louis, who tipped the beam at 200¾.

Conceivably the importance of the third round hook which Galento landed on Joe's jaw has been exaggerated. Joe took a count of only one.

But another Galento punch, says Louis, has been underplayed. It came in the first round, when Joe was staggered by a left to the head.

Discussing the fight 25 years after it happened, Louis said: "Galento sure hurt me in the first round. It was with his



Soft fall the stygian shades of night on the Yankee Stadium scene. Galento is taking what the trade calls a Shellacking. Joe is belting the Jerseyman at will and Tony's supporters sit in silence, sensing that they are about to see a Sad Spectacle.

second punch of the fight. I had heard that he could stop a man with one wild punch and had not believed it. But when he belted that one to the head and got me dizzy I said, 'Hey, this is serious. Better get rid of this guy as fast as you can.'

"Before the fight Galento said a lot of nasty things about me. He kept saying them even after I had knocked him out. He told reporters I was over-rated.

"I had planned to punish him for a few rounds and then send him home. But when he hit me in the first round I changed my plan.

"In the third round I started to move in for a knockout. I never will forgive myself for what I did. I got careless. I shifted a little to the side and left myself open for the left hook which floored me.

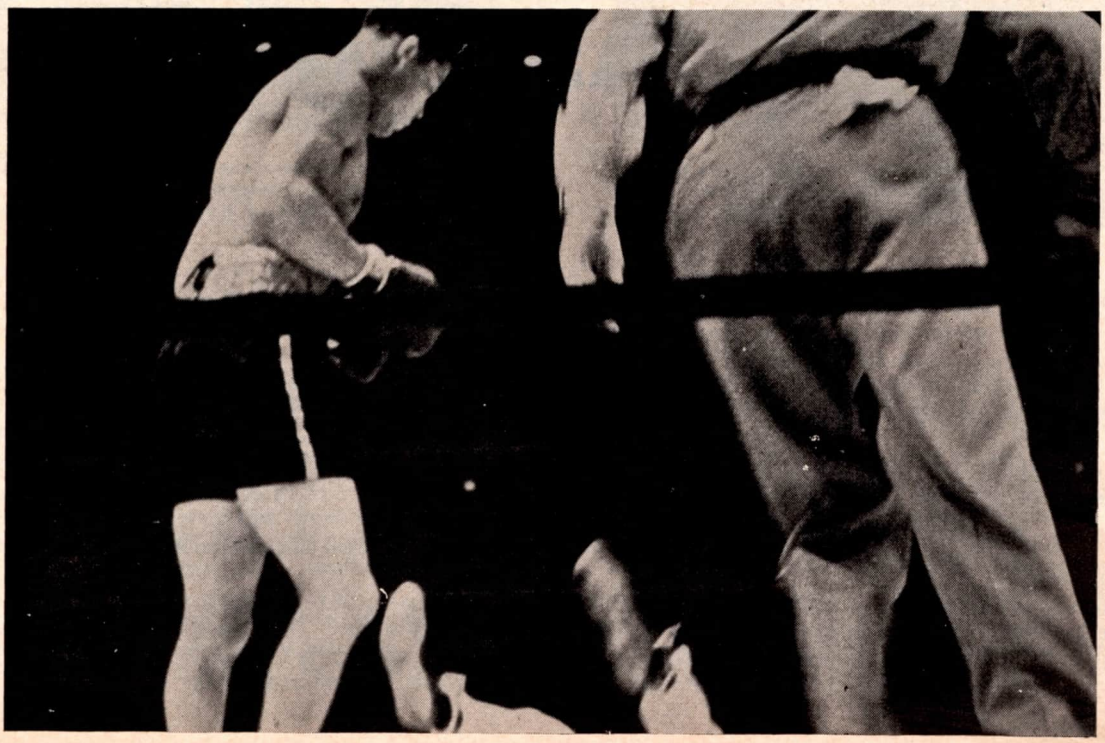
"All that the punch did, in so far as I was concerned, was to hurt my pride and dignity. It did not hurt me one bit physically. It did a lot for Tony mentally, and for his fans, who turned Yankee Stadium into a mad house.

"At no time did I fear being knocked out by Galento. I got up and said to myself, 'Better get rid of this man now. And not another careless move. He's no dummy.'

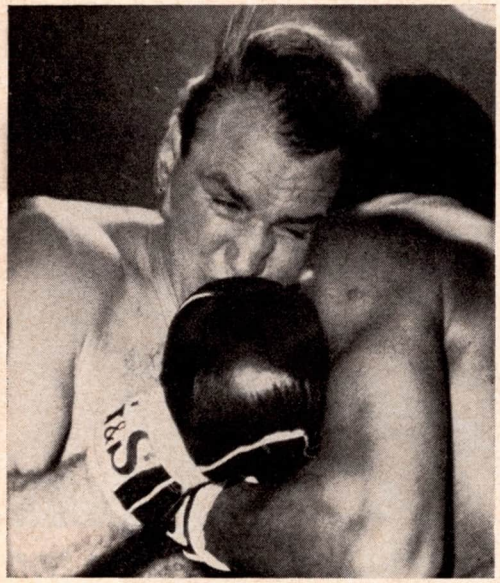
"I saw that I was getting to Tony and that he was more in need of a rest than I was.

"I tore in after him, and he was not in a position to keep up the pace. Some people said the *(Continued on page 63)*

The End of a Dream! More than two minutes of the fourth round gone. Joe lands a terrific right to the jaw, and Tony's legs become rubbery. The Bomber moves in with both fists. A right, a left, two more rights, two more lefts, and Tony's Battle of the Century is finished. He tumbles to the canvas and Referee Donovan signals, "This is the end!" A courageous fighter has tried and failed, as so many other courageous fighters had done, and were to do, against Joe Louis.



Above, Ray Patterson in a state of complete repose. Is he wondering which way he is traveling along the professional highway? Or is he dreaming of conquest, and emulation of his brother Floyd in so far as the world heavyweight championship is concerned? Could be Ray is wrestling with a combination of both questions. Below, Chuck Wepner and Ray are getting acquainted, during a bout at Sunnyside Garden.



Ray Going Floyd's Way As Fighter?

By JOHNNY ORT

Photos By TONY MARCILLA

RAY PATTERSON'S boxing efforts have brought to the fore the story of brothers in the professional game. Floyd Patterson became the heavyweight champion of the world. The question now is—How far will his younger brother Ray go along the highway which led Floyd to fame and riches?

After having won all three of his 1963 fights, two by the KO route, Ray took seven out of eight, four by knockout and three by decision, with a defeat on points, in 1964. This year, on January 19, Chuck Wepner got the verdict in a six rounder with Floyd's brother.

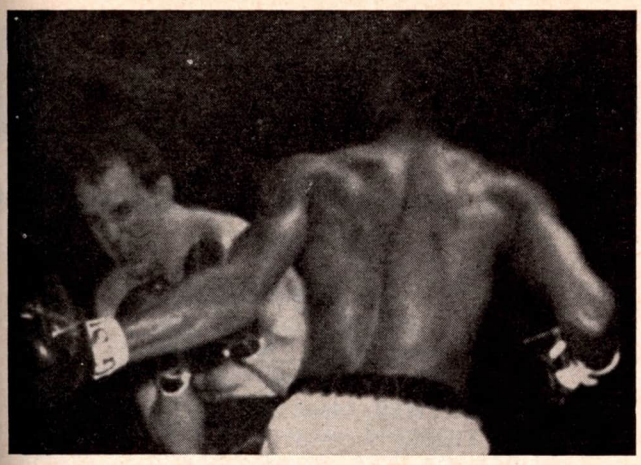
Summarizing the brief career, to date, of brother Ray we find that he has had a dozen bouts, and that he has won six by knockout, and four by verdict, and has lost two decisions.

Ray has yet to engage in a match which took him past the eighth round. He beat Ulli Ritter in Goteborg, Sweden, in 24 minutes of action, and stopped John Davey in New York in the eighth.

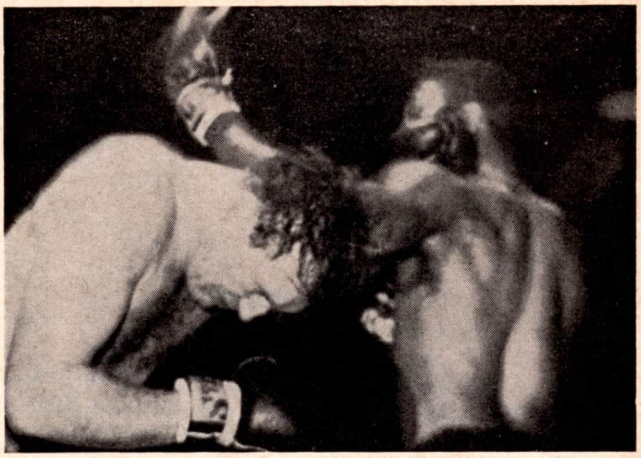
In short, brother Ray has done well, but not to a point of spectacular achievement.

This does not necessarily mean that Floyd's brother must be rated, quite definitely, as nothing more than a so-so performer. A survey of the records of men who eventually achieved the heavyweight title shows that some of them were less impressive at the outset of their careers than Ray has been in his first twelve fights.

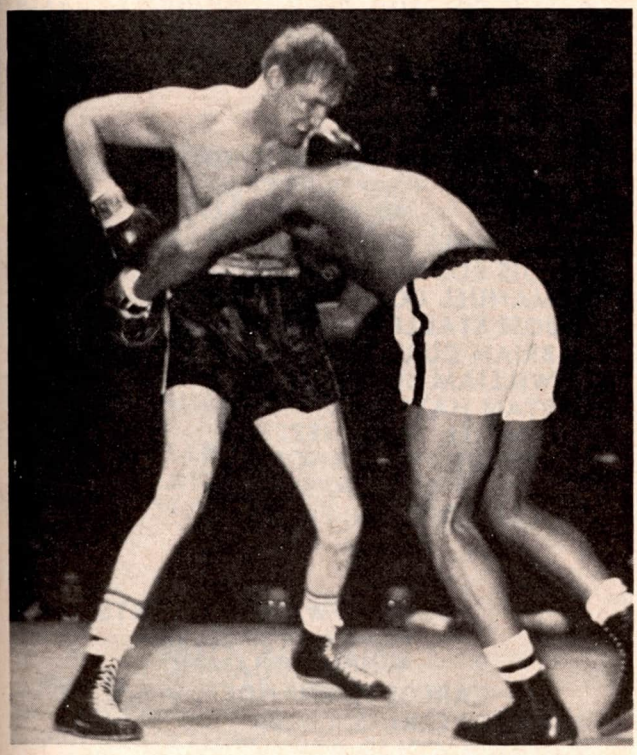
Investigation of the brothers story reveals that it is not an uncommon feature. There have been numerous cases of multiple representation in families. For example, the Attells, Abe, a champion, Monte and Caesar; the Durelles, Yvon, an al-



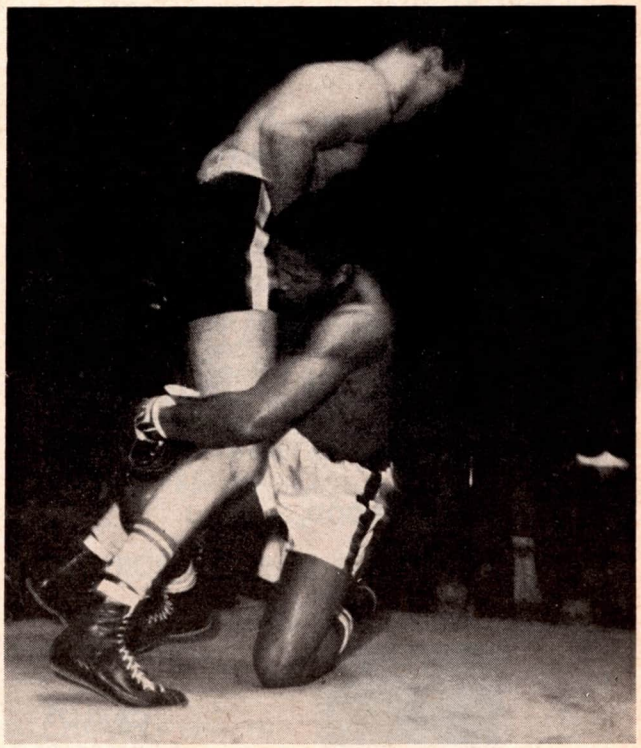
There are times in this Sunnyside fight at which Patterson is effective with left hooks. Here he is coming loose after an effective hook in the first round. He is the favorite and fighting like one.



Here we see the start of a damaging sequence for Floyd's younger brother It is the second round, and Wepner is working on Ray's body. The Bayonne boxer has yet to hurt Ray to any appreciable extent. But watch out!



Wham! Wepner just has belted Floyd's brother with a righthand smash to the chin. The recipient falls into Wepner and holds tight. But he cannot prevent what you are about to see in the next camera shot.



Patterson slips down on his left knee. He has been decked. Ray takes a count of eight, then resumes fighting with whatever he can command in the way of power and gusto. But it is not enough.

most title winner, Eloi, Placide, Aubin and Ernie; the Fullmers, Gene, champion, Don and Jay; the Docusens Bernard, Max and Regino; the Famechons, Andre, Ray, Emile, Arsenne and Alfred; the De Johns Joe, Ralph, Carmen and Mike; the Ortegas, Gaspar, Felix, Euriello, Jesus Fausto and Todolfo; the Shades, Dave, Billy and George; the Zivics, Jack, Pete, Joe, Eddie and Fritzie; the McGoverns champion Terry, Hughie and Phil; the Gardners, George, Jimmy and Bill; and a lot of others, not forgetting Leach Cross, Marty, Phil, Dave and Harry.

If you are interested in the entire list of multiple representations and two brother combinations you may find them in Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book, the 1965 issue of which soon will be available.

Confining ourselves to dual representations we find an impressive pair in the Baers, heavyweight champion Max and Buddy. Those of us who saw Buddy and Joe Louis in that seven round riot in Washington in May 1941, which wound up with Buddy's disqualification, never will forget that brawl.

The following year the Buddy balloon burst with his one round KO by Louis. Joe was murder the second time around against men who looked good in their first encounters with the Brown Bomber. Nobody found that out more poignantly than Max Schmeling.

The Gibbons boys, Mike, who laid claim to the middleweight title after Stanley Ketchel's death in *(Continued on page 44)*

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

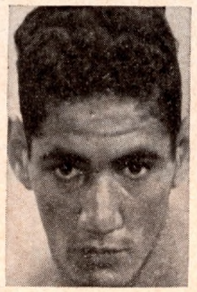
RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 26, 1965

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CASSIUS CLAY, Louisville, Ky.
1–**SONNY LISTON,** Denver, Colo.
2–**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Great Neck, N. Y.
3–**ERNEST TERRELL,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4–**GEORGE CHUVALO,** Toronto, Canada
5–**KARL MILDENBERGER,** Germany
6–**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Texas
7–**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
8–**ROGER RISCHER,** San Francisco, Calif.
9–**EDDIE MACHEN,** Berkeley, Calif.
10–**DOUG JONES,** New York

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
WILLIE PASTRANO, Miami, Fla.
1–**GREGORIO PERALTA,** Argentina
2–**MAURO MINA,** Peru
3–**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4–**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
5–**WAYNE THORNTON,** Fresno, Calif.
6–**JOSE TORRES,** New York, N.Y.
7–**GUSTAVE SCHOLZ,** Germany
8–**TERRY DOWNES,** England
9–**BOBO OLSON,** Honolulu, Hawaii
10–**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOEY GIARDELLO, Cherry Hill, N.J.
1–**JOEY ARCHER,** New York, N.Y.
2–**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
3–**RUBEN CARTER,** Passaic, N.J.
4–**LASZLO PAPP,** Hungary
5–**SANDRO MAZZINGHI,** Italy
6–**NINO BENVENUTI,** Italy
7–**HURRICANE KID,** Samoa
8–**LUIS FOLLEDO,** Spain
9–**GOMEO BRENNAN,** Bahama, B.W.I.
10–**WALLY SWIFT,** England

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EMILE GRIFFITH, Weehawken, N.J.
1–**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Miami
2–**MANUEL GONZALEZ,** Odessa, Texas
3–**JOSE STABLE,** New York, N.Y.
4–**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
5–**WILLIAM LUDICK,** South Africa
6–**STAN HAYWOOD,** Philadelphia, Pa.
7–**GABRIEL TERRONEZ,** Fresno, Calif.
8–**FORTUNATO MANCA,** Italy
9–**GASPER ORTEGA,** Mexico
10–**JEAN JOSELEIN,** France



CARLOS HERNANDEZ FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
1–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
2–**JOSE NAPOLES,** Mexico
3–**PIERRO BRANDI,** Italy
4–**SANDRO POPOPOLO,** Italy
5–**TITO MARSHALL,** Panama
6–**LOUIS MOLINA,** San Jose, Calif.
7–**JOHNNY DE PIEZA,** Trinidad, B.W.I.
8–**OLLI MAKI,** Finland
9–**VALERO NUNEZ,** Argentina
10–**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba

TOP BOXERS who discarded their gloves for the New Year's recess, are back in harness for what looks like a bright year. The scarcity of matches in the last two weeks of December and first two of January, brought about few changes in the ratings.

Most of the changes came as a result of the elimination of Carlos Hernandez from the lightweight class and his advance into the junior welter division, in which he now is the champion, and Ismael Laguna's jump from the featherweight class into the lightweight sector. These changes brought an advance of a number of boxers who had been ranked below this pair.

Hernandez, by defeating Eddie Perkins in 15 rounds to win the junior welterweight crown, is The Ring's Fighter of the Month.

Since the decision was highly disputed, Perkins takes precedence over his rivals as the leading challenger. He probably will receive a return engagement.

To make way for Hernandez's rise, Giordano Campari, the veteran Italian, has been eliminated and all others in the ranked quota have come down one peg. Jose Napoles of Mexico, is rated next in line to the defeated title holder.

Of the top ten in the class, eight of those in the select circle are foreigners.

In the feather division, with *(Continued on page 44)*

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS ORTIZ, New York, N.Y.
1–**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
2–**BUNNY GRANT,** Jamaica, B.W.I.
3–**ANGEL ROBINSON GARCIA,** France
4–**NICOLINO LOCHE,** Argentina
5–**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6–**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Michigan
7–**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
8–**ALFREDO URBINA,** Mexico
9–**FRANKIE NARVAEZ,** New York, N.Y.
10–**FRANCO BRONDI,** Italy

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GABRIEL FLASH ELORDE, Philippines
1–**WILLI QUARTOUR,** Germany
2–**JOHNNY BIZZARRO,** Erie, Pa.
3–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
4–**TERUO KOSAKA,** Japan
5–**KAN SUH II,** Korea
6–**JOSE LUIS CRUZ,** Mexico
7–**RAY ADIGUN,** Nigeria
8–**VICENTE DERADO,** Argentina
9–**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10–**LEVI MIDI,** South Africa

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VICENTE SALDIVAR, Mexico City, Mexico
1–**SUGAR RAMOS,** Mexico
2–**FLOYD ROBERTSON,** Ghana
3–**MITSUNORI SEKI,** Japan
4–**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
5–**RAUL ROJAS,** San Pedro, Calif.
6–**CARLOS CANETE,** Argentina
7–**DON JOHNSON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8–**YVES DESMARETS,** France
9–**ANTONIO HERRERA,** Colombia
10–**JOE RAFIU KING,** Nigeria

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
1–**FIGHTING HARADA,** Japan
2–**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
3–**JESUS PIMENTAL,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4–**MANUEL BARRIOS,** Mexico
5–**BERNARDO CARABALLO,** Colombia
6–**FELIX BRAMI,** Tunisia
7–**RISTO LUUKKONEN,** Finland
8–**RONNIE JONES,** Chicago, Ill.
9–**RAY ASIS,** Stockton, Calif.
10–**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand
1–**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
2–**HIROYUKI EBIHARA,** Japan
3–**ALACRAN "EFRAN" TORRES,** Mexico
4–**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina
5–**ROCKY GATTELARI,** Australia
6–**TAKESHI NAKAMURA,** Japan
7–**RATON MOJICA,** Nicaragua
8–**WALTER McGOWAN,** Scotland
9–**KATSUYOSHI TAKAYAMA,** Japan
10–**BOB ALLOTEY,** Ghana

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Dave Centi Eugene, Oregon	6/64	3	3	0	0	1
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS						
Karl Zuerhide Houston, Texas	9/64	3	3	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHTS						
Bob Murray Chicago, Ill.	5/64	3	3	0	0	1
WELTERWEIGHTS						
Ted Whitefield Amherst, Mass.	9/64	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHTWEIGHTS						
Angel Torres Puerto Rico	7/64	5	5	0	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHTS						
Willie Ray Los Angeles, Calif.	4/64	5	4	0	1	3
BANTAMWEIGHTS						
Monty Laud St. Ives, England	5/64	5	3	1	1	1
FLYWEIGHTS						
Camacho Castillo Mexican	7/64	3	3	0	0	2

This is war! Fred Blassie seems to be enjoying himself as he applies his famous "sleeper hold" on Bruno Sammartino in Baltimore's Civic Center. The referee disagreed and forced Fred to "cease and desist". Bruno came back to win the match with a body press after hectic grappling.

THE MAT WORLD

The pride of Connecticut, Wild Bull Curry kicks Pepper Gomez into submission during their match at the City Auditorium in Galveston, Texas. The referee's verdict went to Gomez via a disqualification. (Photo by Bob Utter)

EASTERN NEWS
By Earle Yetter

Fuzzy Cupid, who was injured in an auto smash-up last year in Texas has returned to action. He recently appeared in a Buffalo tag match with Sky Low Low as his partner. The former carnival fire-eater and sword-swallower has lost none of his mat magic.

Whipper Billy Watson, former title claimant and currently British Empire champion, has passed the quarter century milestone in his mat career.

Young Diamond Jim Brady, Buffalo heavyweight, who has been a pro since 1960, in the early part of his career took some terrific lacings. He learned and is now fighting fire with fire. He has become a first class villain.

Prof. Hiro of Osako, Japan, has studied karate and judo since he was 8 years old. He is managed by Fred Atkins, former Australian heavyweight champion.

Prof. Hiro has been winning in Canada and the U. S. Recently he won over Whipper Billy Watson when the latter put a "sleeper-hold" on him from the apron of the ring and refused to break the hold. Watson was disqualified although Watson had held the Jap on even terms until the end.

One of the greatest matches of the new season saw Ilio Di Paolo and Prof. Hiro in a real pier-sixer in Buffalo. Di Paolo, studied karate and judo on a trip to the Orient last year. He stood toe to toe and slashed it out with Prof. Hiro and brought the fans to their feet in admiration.

Di Paolo had Hiro in an airplane spin but when his manager Fred Atkins saw that his charge was in trouble he ran up the ring steps and entered the ring to assist Hiro. Referee Pete Sacco disqualified Hiro for outside interference and awarded the decision to Di Paolo, for one of the latter's finest victories of the year.

Johnny Kace, Chicago TV star, is now campaigning in the East. He made a smashing debut in Buffalo when he defeated young Matt Gilmour of Scotland in 2:15 with three back-breakers and a press. Kace is mid-west heavyweight champion and a graduate of Marquette University where he holds a degree in Business Administration. Kace is another pro athlete who preferred wrestling to football as his livelihood. Kace is a mauling, hammering type who throws aside any gimmicks and goes to work to finish the job at hand as soon as possible.

NORTH AMERICAN WRESTLING NEWS
By Terry Justice

Professor Hiro took on Ilio DiPaolo in New York State's "1st judo jacket match" on a recent card in Buffalo, N. Y. Things were going well for the Professor until he started to choke Ilio with the belt off DiPaolo's jacket. For that he was disqualified.

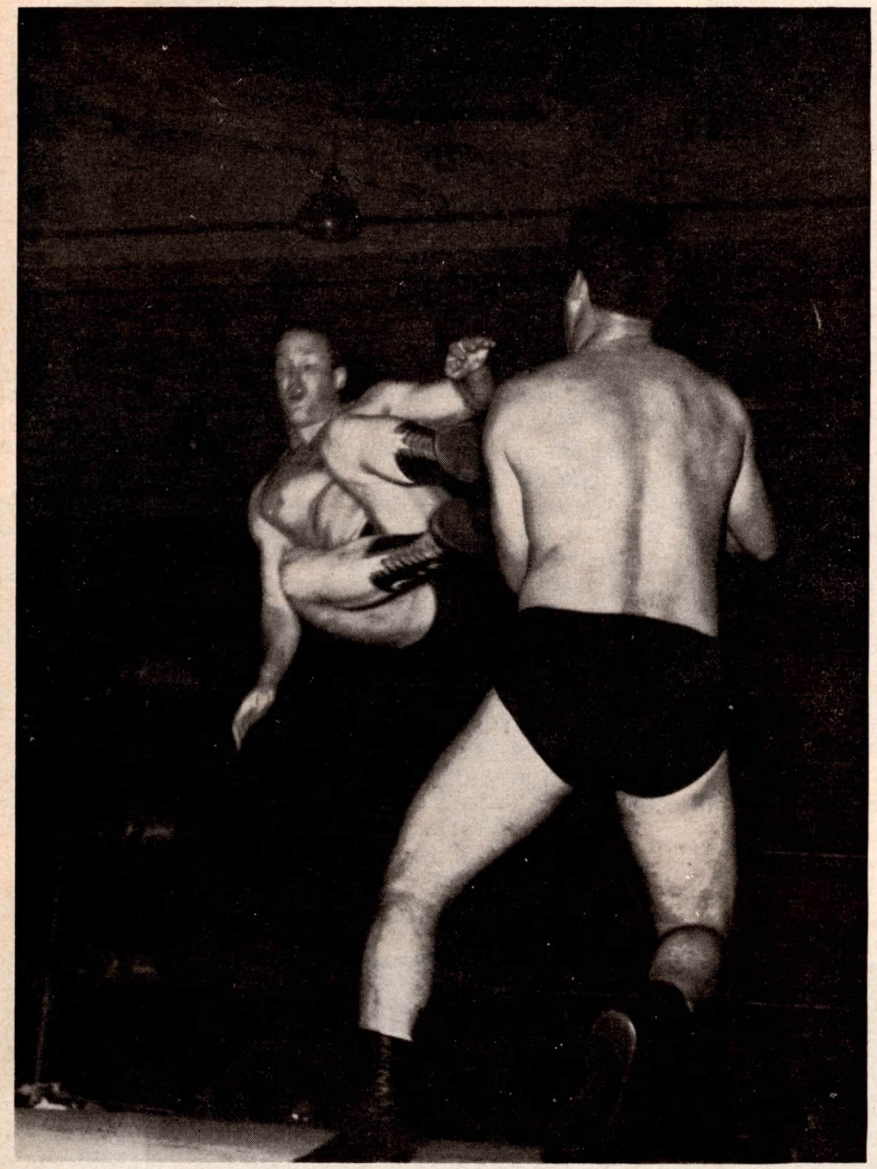
Johnny Barend and Whipper Watson held Hans Schmidt and The Beast to a 30 minute draw in an exciting tag team bout, and Johnny Kace employed a backbreaker to whip Martino Angelo, the manager of the Beast, in a preliminary match.

Earlier on the card Schmidt defeated Joe Mates in a warmup match, Jim Brady pinned Killer Carr, and The Black Orchid wrestled Killer Joe Christie to a draw.

Wahoo McDaniel defeated Boris (the Great) Malenko in his sensational Madison Square Garden debut. Wahoo is not unfamiliar to N. Y. fans as he has been seen in many football games there.

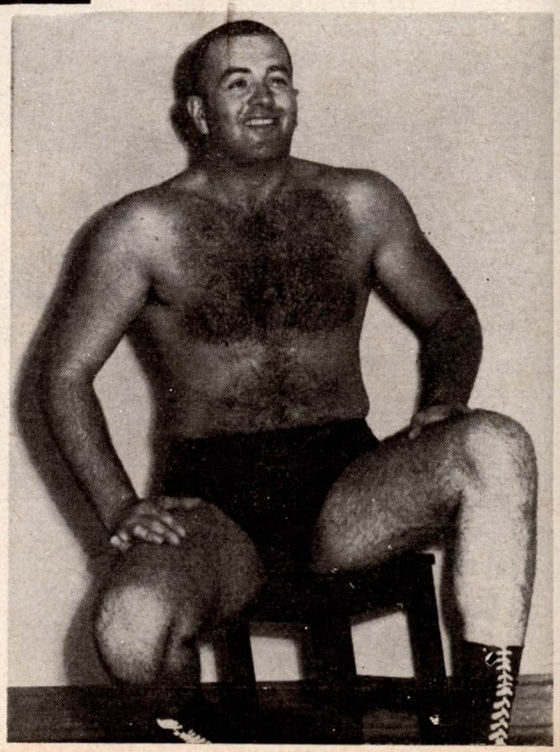
Before committing suicide, the great Yukon Eric had signed to wrestle for Florida promoters. The week of his death he had wrestled in Tampa, Jacksonville, and several other cities. Saturday, January 16th, he was found dead in his car. The coming Tuesday he was scheduled for a team match with Dick Steinborn against Fred Blassie and Tarzan Tyler in Tampa.

Europeans have all the fun! Referee Jean Marest being chased by an amorous bull while Andre Boliet and Lino Di Santo (Champ of Europe) attempt to go through their paces while the referee is having his own trouble with El Toro.



Doug Gilbert about to connect with a drop kick as Mike Valentine attempts to stay out of harms way in rough match at the Park Center at Charlotte, in North Carolina. Doug won the match.

Big Jim Grabmire, six feet six inches tall and weighing 250 pounds, now calling Houston, Texas home. Jim has become one of the big favorites in U.S. rings and is on his way to becoming one of America's top grapplers.



Over 10,000 fans watched The Destroyer whip his former partner, Hardboiled Haggerty, in the grudge match of a recent Los Angeles card. In supporting bouts Pedro Morales stopped Maurice De Pare, Ernie Ladd drew with the Hangman, Billy Lyons defeated Ken Hollis, Mr. Moto threw Tony Galezia, and Paul Diamond and Bill Cody wrestled to a draw.

Popular Tex McKenzie suffered a broken nose at the hands of Alexander the Great in a Toronto match, but came through to win. Professor Hiro defeated Johnny Barend on the same card.

Larry Henning and Harley Race have a growing feud with the Bruiser and the Crusher in Minnesota. Neither team is well-liked by the fans. Maurice Vachone won a version of the world title from Verne Gagne, and successfully defended against Moose Cholak, Reggie Parks, and some other challengers.

Quasimodo, famed Hunchback from Europe, has invaded the U. S. He is appearing in Texas, as is Vittorio (Argentina) Apollo.

Others in the news: Sweet Daddy Siki's hair is black again

and the fans like him that way . . . The Beast continues to bring in victory after victory. His manager, Martino Angelo, reportedly also manages Johnny Powers, who looks like a "future Buddy Rogers".

EASTERN MAT ACTION
By Dorothy Fredman

Sweet Daddy Siki, the powerhouse from the West Indies, faced the Golden Terror in Commack, N. Y. The Terror was disqualified giving the victory to Sweet Daddy Siki in 8:58.

Haystack Calhoun and Don McClarity faced Waldo Von Erich and Gene Kiniski, who held Don in their corner for about five minutes, with both working him over. Haystack sat on Waldo only when Gene pulled his hair did he get up. Kiniski pinned Don for the first fall in 15:36. While Gene was choking Don Waldo had a conversation with the referee on the other side of the ring. Don pinned Gene in 6:28. Don was tripped and pinned by Kiniski for the third fall in 1:42.

Smasher Sloane opposed the Puerto Rican champion Miguel Perez. All the action took place mainly on the mat. When both were bouncing off the ropes a draw of twenty minutes was called.

Magnificent Maurice entered the ring wearing a pink cape, beret, sun glasses and black trunks. Although he plays the part of the bad guy he is a very friendly and nice person to know. Maurice was caught a few times holding the ropes, he used a variety of holds which led to him pinning Victor Rivera in 16:26.

Kenny Ackles met Gene Kelly, who was clad in black trunks and red leotards. He had Kenny clinging to the ropes when he applied the choke hold. Kelly had on a powerful leg lock when Ken came out of it quickly. When both were bouncing off the ropes before they would collide they stopped. Ken worked on the right leg so much that Gene couldn't stand up. Kenny won with an airplane spin and press.

Big mouth Lenny Montana was in the arena just walking around and making a lot of noise. . . . The Golden Terror has a horse which was used in the TV series "Dead or Alive".

Wahoo McDaniels of the Jets football team is making a big impression in the East Coast. He is an Indian born in Oklahoma.

His favorite holds are the Indian death lock, the chop and the Indian dances. . . . The Golden Terror was a boxer and holds the black belt as a judo champ. . . . Bruno Sammartino and Cowboy Bill Watts are having a feud after their recent match at Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK: Sweet Daddy Siki and Bobo Brazil took two straight falls from Jerry and Luke Graham. Steve Stanlee won by disqualification over Tony Newberry in 19:59. Boris Malenko defeated Gene Kelly in 17:36. Magnificent Maurice lost to Arnold Skaaland in 8:20. The midgets Cowboy Bradley and the Jamaica Kid took the second and third fall from Billy the Kid and Farmer Pete.

T.V. Results from WASHINGTON, D. C.: Wahoo McDaniels beat Steve Stanlee. Don McClarity edged Tony Newberry. Miguel Perez won over Umberto Mercardo. Gorilla Monsoon flattened Frank Martinez and Cyclone Syto. The Golden Terror took two falls from Kenny Ackles. Victor Rivera lost to Smasher Sloane.

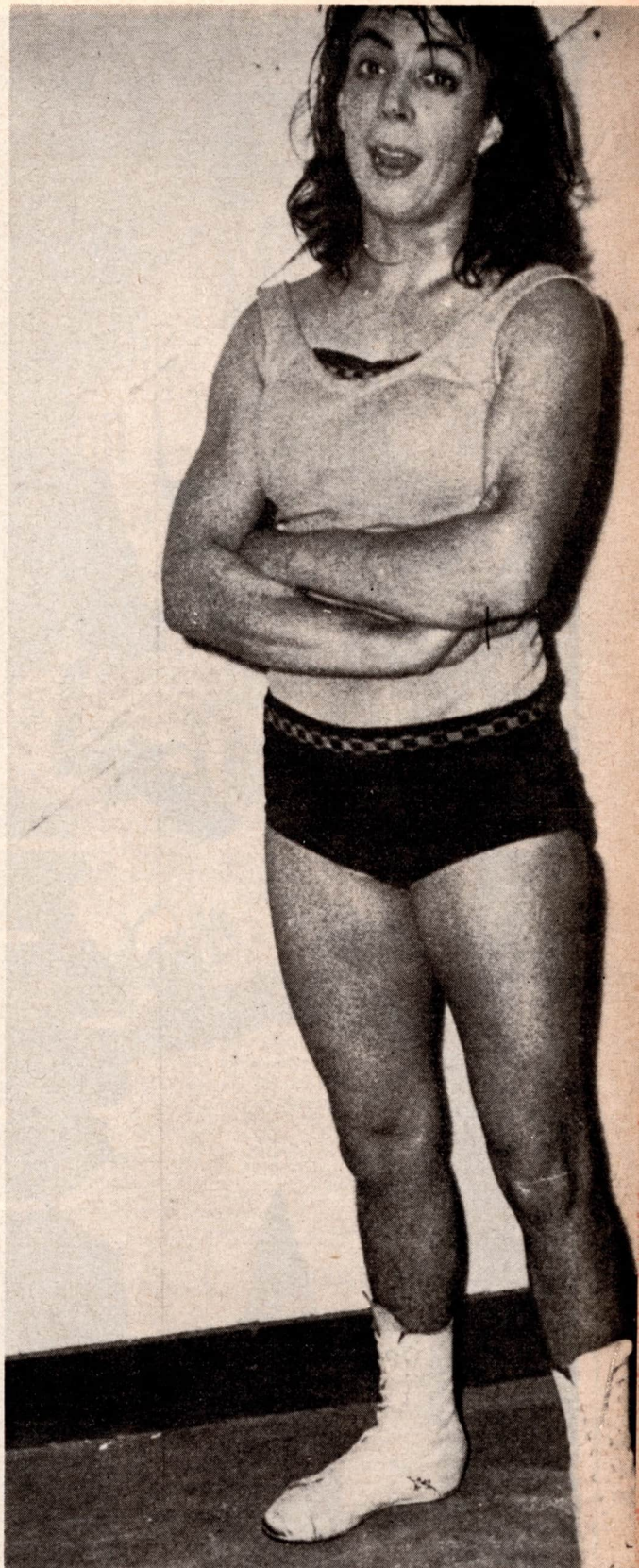
PACIFIC NORTHWEST WRESTLING
By Dean A. Silverstone

Seattle has been the hot spot for wrestling in the Northwest. Promoter and matchmaker Harry Elliott has flooded the area with new faces.

Here are the results of last month in Seattle:

Week one: Pat Patterson whipped Pepper Martin on disqualification; Buddy Marino and Dean Higuchi drew; Haru Sasaki won his 114th bout in a row by beating Freddy Baron; Kazimoto was a disqualification winner from Indio Joe; El Shereef was held to a draw by Luther Lindsay.

Week two: Luther Lindsay was awarded a victory from El Shereef on disqualification; Ricki Hunter downed Larry Williams; Haru Sasaki beat Buddy Marino; Pepper Martin edged



America is not the only home of wrestling beauties. Lina Magnani, European champ of the women grapplers can hold her own with the best.

The popular Pacific Coast wrestler "Crusher" Verdu back from an eight month tour in London and Vienna shows off his strength to delighted fellow passengers Danielle and Josee Bernard aboard the Cunard liner Queen Mary on his return to New York.

Indio Joe; Pat Patterson and Kazimoto drew.

Week three: Pepper Martin defeated Pat Patterson via disqualification; Dano McDonald won on disqualification from Haru Sasaki; Ivan Kameroff and Dean Higuchi went to a stalemate; El Shereef was a winner in his match with Buddy Marino; Indio Joe drew with Kazimoto.

Week four: Dean Higuchi stopped El Shereef on disqualification: Soldat Gorky and Pepper Martin drew; Kazimoto upset Pat Patterson; Ivan Kameroff and Haru Sasaki drew; Buddy Marino upset Ricki Hunter; Kazimoto won the twelve man inside the ropes Battle Royal.

Week five: Kazimoto and the Destroyer wrestled to a sixty-minute draw. Kazimoto took the first fall with a Sleeper and the Destroyer the second with his Figure Four Leg Lock; Dano McDonald bested Ivan Kameroff on disqualification; Haru Sasaki whipped Ricki Hunter; Soldat Gorky and Dean Higuchi drew; El Shereef beat Buddy Marino on default when the latter could not answer the bell. The referee all five weeks was Pago Pago, from Samoa.

FIFTH POLE OF THE MAT: The Mad Russian, one of three Brothers has arrived in Seattle. His name is Boris Smirnov . . . Other newcomers are Jerry Kozak, brother of Nick, Alberto (Tori) Torres, brother of Ramon and Enrique, and Duke Noble, a speedy Negro wrestler from Galveston, Texas . . . Wild man Chris Belkas, from Greece coming to Seattle, and so are Juan Sebastan, Bill Dromo (also known as Billy Zbysko) The Destroyer, Pat Patterson, Tony Borne, and none other than Mad Dog Maurice Vashon . . . Bobby Shane back from Honolulu, went to St. Louis. He is presently wrestling in Mexico . . . Destroyer claiming Worldwide Wrestling Association world title. He defended it in Japan, successfully against Jap star Toroybornio . . . Haru Sasaki has not lost (other than disqualification defeats) since July 8, 1964.

CANADIAN WRESTLING NEWS
By John E. Cheesman

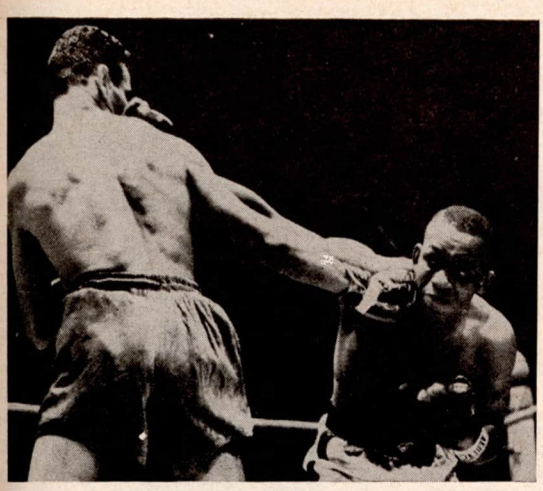
WINNIPEG—Whipper Billy Watson and Don Leo Jonathan have taken the Canadian Open Tag Team Championship from the grip of the Fabulous Kangaroos.

In a match at the Civic Auditorium, the challengers won two falls from the Kangaroos, Roy Heffernan and Al Costello, to take the title after three previous attempts. In their first bout the Jonathan and Watson combo won on disqualification. The second bout saw the two teams go to a 60 minute draw. The Kangaroos agreed to an extra 15 minutes but quit after 8 minutes had gone.

The third bout was declared no-contest when Stan Stasiak intervened with 10 minutes remaining in the scheduled 90 minute battle. The fans got excited and over 150 chairs were tossed at Stasiak and the Kangaroos before they were able to escape to the dressing rooms.

Jonathan, known as the 305 pound Mormon Giant, took the first fall from Heffernan with his pendulum of death which is in fact a swinging backbreaker. Heffernan came back to win the second fall from Watson at 35:30. The Australian jumped off the ropes and pinned Watson for the three count. Seven minutes later, Heffernan tried the same thing again. This time Jonathan charged across the ring and pushed Costello into his partner who was balancing on the top rope. Heffernan tumbled from the ring and Watson got up long enough to make the pin on a stunned Costello.

In the semi-windup, Karl Gotch, European heavyweight champion, won on disqualification over the top Canadian, Gene Kiniski. Kiniski, weighing in at 275 pounds, couldn't use his weight to advantage. Karl and Gene split the first two falls before referee Al Tomko disqualified Gene for a low blow. This was Karl's sixth straight Winnipeg victory. He is undefeated since coming here and has rarely been beaten as a pro.



Eddie Perkins (right) of Chicago is in process of losing his junior welterweight title to Carlos Hernandez of Caracas in latter's home town.

Perkins Loses Title in Questionable Decision

By ED BRENNAN

When I was a kid I always liked to fight another kid in my own backyard.

I never lost any of those fights because I felt real tough and my father was around to stop it if things started to go bad for me.

Any kid on my block had to be a sucker to come fight me in back of my house.

This is what Eddie Perkins is. Eddie put his junior welterweight title on the line against Carlos Hernandez of Caracas in Caracas, Venezuela a few months ago.

The same thing happend to Perkins that happened to the kids in my backyard.

Hernandez got all the best of it from two of the three ring officials. He also got the junior welterweight championship of the world.

Former triple champ Henry Armstrong refereed the fight. He gave it to Perkins real big—150-129. But the two judges, Dima Fernandez and Santos Arismendi, both Venezuelans, voted for Carlos, 146-142 and 143-142.

After the fight Armstrong told reporters, "The decision against Perkins was the most brazen demonstration of partiality I've ever seen in 35 years of boxing."

Perkins went into the Hernandez fight a 2-1 favorite and a 39-9-1 record. He had won seven straight fights over two years with three of them title defenses.

Now Perkins is back in his home town of Chicago wondering what Carlos is going to do about him and the junior welterweight crown.

Eddie should not be worrying like that because Hernandez' manager Oscar Ibarra is a fair minded man who says Carlos will give Eddie a chance to win back the championship.

"Carlos will defend his title against Perkins but one judge must come from Argentina, the other from Mexico and the referee from Venezuela."

With that kind of a setup, Perkins would have as much chance of winning as Barry Goldwater would with a recount.

If Perkins wants to become junior welterweight champ again it looks like he's going to have to knock out Hernandez.

DR. NARDIELLO PASSES . . .

DR. VINCENT NARDIELLO, known in fistic circles as "The Fighting Doctor", died in New York on January 17, on the day that the Boxing Writers' Association, which had honored him in 1953 with the James J. Walker Award for Meritorious Services, held its fortieth anniversary dinner.

Dr. Nardiello, a physician for the New York State Commission for 25 years, was internationally known. He had examined and aided thousands of boxers and retired on November 2, 1959, at the age of 69.

When Dr. Claus retired as chief physician for the Madison Square Garden boxers, Dr. Nardiello succeeded him. He was a medical lieutenant at Fort Devens, Mass., during World War I.

He was known to television fans throughout the country as the "fourth man in the ring", since he frequently raced into the roped square to examine injured boxers during intermissions between rounds.

Dr. Vince started his boxing career as an amateur boxer and engaged in more than 100 contests. When he turned pro, he assumed the name of Jimmy Sheppard.

His professional boxing helped him to pay his way through college. He studied at New York University and Bellevue Medical College where he interned. His son is a well known New York doctor.

Dr. Nardiello recommended the five day pre-fight medical examination, the use of soft ring mats, the use of the electroencephalograph for the detection of brain injuries, the replacement of eight ounce by six ounce gloves, the suspension of a boxer for a month who had suffered a knockout and his permanent retirement if he suffered a brain injury.

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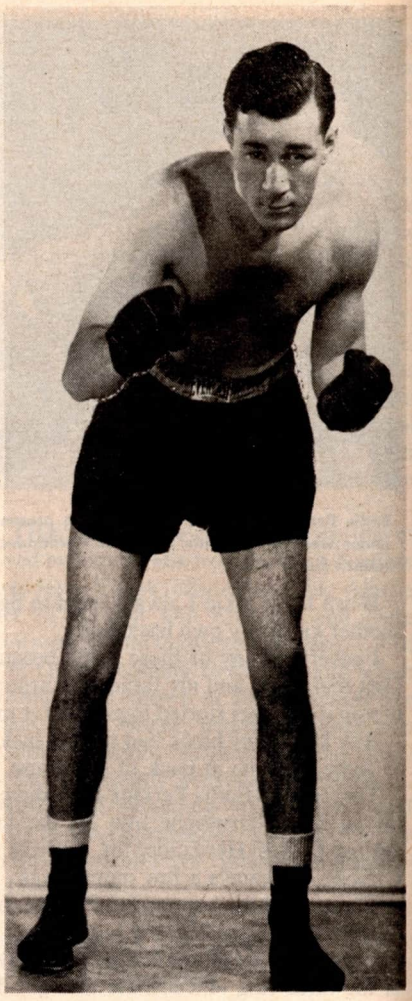
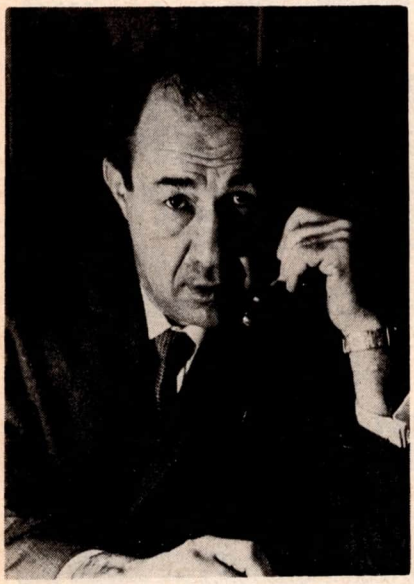


We see here a rare daguerreotype of Valan when he was an earnest scrapper in the lightweight class, the Pride of the Brownsville section of polychromatic Brooklyn.



Here is a portrait study of Harold Valan as he sits at his office telephone, selling services to new clients, and maintaining his connections with old ones. In any event, the referee is very busy.

By HAROLD VALAN
(New York and New Jersey Referee)

HOW does being an official boxing referee in two states, New York and New Jersey, affect the life of the dual personality?

How does it feel to get a call around noon that you will be the third man in the Garden ring that night?

What is the daily schedule of Harold Valan, the referee in two states, who has his own extensive business interests to look after?

These questions have been put to me for early treatment in this story.

First, who is Harold Valan? I do not flatter myself that I am known to every boxing follower who reads The Ring.

I am out of Brooklyn. I was brought up in the famous section known as Brownsville. My headquarters were at Amboy and Sutter. No hangout of the dilletante, this.

In our area fighting came to you naturally. You fought or you had a terrible life.

I was a slender kid. Going into amateur boxing I was a flyweight. When I turned pro I was a featherweight. In time I moved into the lightweight class.

The Brownsville section was a challenge to a kid. I believe I met it head on. I went through high school. I was determined to get my degree at Brooklyn College. But after two years I found that the family treasury was in trouble.

I have been a referee for the last seven years and pride myself on the fact that I never have been involved in a rhubarb. In fact, I don't believe I have ever been on the wrong side of a decision in so far as I personally was concerned.

Being a referee is not easy. I am not playing up the role for a fat response from the reader. But there are two fighters in the squared circle with you. At that special time they are engaged in the biggest adventure of their lives. You have to keep this in mind, and never forget it.

I have been asked to set up Ten Commandments for referees. Well, here goes—

1—Don't be the official doctor. There is one. Having been a fighter yourself you know how tricky and dangerous cuts can be. If you are in doubt ask the doctor to come into the ring. He knows. Don't be the referee and the physician or surgeon, too.

2—Never hesitate. If you think the fight should be stopped, STOP IT.

3—From the opening gong, be the boss. Don't let the fighters boss you. Have complete control at all times.

4—Let the fighters fight.

5—Don't be a finger waver. Your function is to see that both contestants, the spectators, and the sport of boxing, get a square deal. Don't sermonize.

6—Don't be a cop. Be a referee.

7—Remember that there is such a thing as infighting, and that it is an important feature of boxing. Don't jump in and break them if their hands are free and they can punch fairly.

8—Never second guess yourself. Make your round entries as fast as possible and don't keep wavering and changing. Make your first impression stick unless extraordinary circumstances develop.

9—Don't pay any attention to the belief that a man who was a fighter will favor the slugger, and the referee who was a scientific hitter will favor the boxer. I never have recognized this as valid. Base your decision on what you have seen, on generalship, aggressiveness, boxing skill, power punching, clean hitting, and not on theory.

Valan performing his duties as a referee in the Garden fight between Teddy Wright and Don Fullmer. Harold stopped this one in the seventh round because Don, with a severly cut eye, no longer could defend himself.

10—Be very careful about the people with whom you associate, no matter how casually or innocently. You are like the umpire in the major leagues in baseball. The banker may have the hoodlum to lunch. The referee has got to stay away from suspicious characters.

Now and then I read pieces that we should have three judges and not let the referee vote. This is bunk and the people who advocate it know little about boxing.

The referee has the best view. If competent, he has the best opinion. The judges sit on opposite sides of the ring, the referee moves around, is on top of the fight, right in it.

The validity of the referee's opinion is recognized most fully in New Jersey, where he has no judges with whom to join in making the decision.

I never had it so easy that I did not have to work. I was in high school when my brother Ed and I peddled fruit. Our father had died. I was boxing as an amateur. Before going pro I lost only one fight in 100 in three years and took seven amateur titles.

I quit the ring as a pro in 1946, when I was 26. I was born in March 1920.

After I had left the ring I married my childhood sweetheart, Betty Strauss, and purchased a bar and grill. Two years later I went into my present business, the Master Coat and Apron Supply Inc., 333 Stagg Street, Brooklyn.

We have two homes, at Kew Gardens Hills, Long Island, and Fair Lawn, N.J., where we go during the summer.

We have four children, ranging in age from two months to 14 years. I am vice president of the Little League of Kew Gardens, 500 players, and manager of the Gold team, on which my son Aleck plays. I also am interested in bowling for kids.

Why, with so many other interests, go on being a referee? Well, boxing gets into your blood.

I had ten assignments last year, five in New York, as many in Jersey.

You never know if you are going to referee until the very day of the fight. In New York, you get a telephone call any time from eleven in the morning until five in the evening from Miss Mary O'Keefe, who works at the Boxing Commission.

I get up around 5.30 in the morning. An hour later I am at my place of business.

I look into things in the laundry, then get my drivers on the way and make a lot of telephone calls.

Valan is discussing the rules with Gen. Melvin Krulewitch, chairman of the New York Commission. The General is backing up a move made by Valan, in the interests of boxing and the fans.

Valan, on the right, Harry Markson on the left, Harry is the director of boxing in the Garden and, out of the ring, a friend of the Brooklyn industrial tycoon-referee.

Valan is shown with Jack Singer, the guy to the left of the reserved placard. The place is the Flame restaurant on New York's Broadway, owned by Jack, who dabbles in boxing.

Harold and some of his pals who, right to left, are Billy Graham, once middleweight contender, Johnny Colan, and, past Harold, Ernie Durando, former middleweight scrapper.

I then go out seeing customers and looking for new business. I service the Madison Square Garden Club, the United Air Lines, the Steak Casino and other outstanding clients. I also service a lot of former fighters and present managers who are in the grill, cafe and restaurant business.

Working for me are former fighters Allie Stoltz, Bernie Friedkin, Johnny Colan, Artie Levine and Silvio Zangrillo.

If I am not refereeing I get home around 7.30. We have late dinner, at 8. Then television, early to bed—if, occasionally, we don't hit the theatre circuit on Broadway.

I am asked for comic stories about my experiences as a referee. Oddly enough, there have been very few. I am too intent on watching the action to take note of the byplay.

Once, refereeing in the Golden Gloves, I warned a kid that he was getting too badly beaten and that I might have to stop the fight.

In the next round I did stop it. The beaten boxer's corner man screamed. He came charging at me, hollering, "Why? Why did you stop it?"

The boxer broke in, "Whaddeyemean why? That guy was killing me."

One night in the amateurs I was giving the boys their instructions. One of them turned to me and asked, "If there is a knockout how many do you count?"

At 45 I find it a full, rewarding life. As for boxing, it can't miss coming out of the doldrums full stride.

I will make the prediction that even Russia will go in for professional boxing. It has to find places for its many amateurs.

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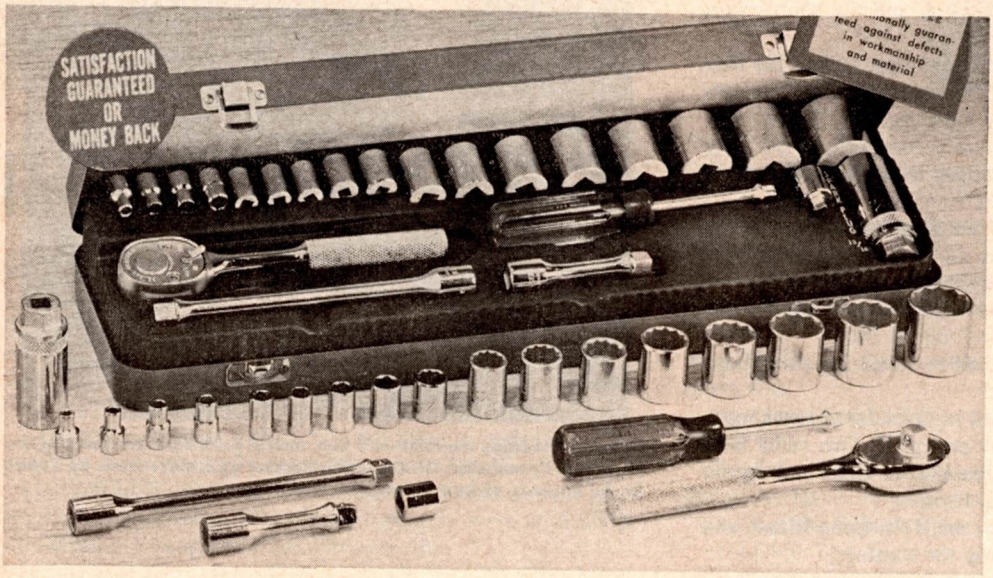

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Meet the Texan, Manuel Gonzales, Who Beat Griffith

By CHET WARNER

HOUSTON, Texas (Special to the Ring)—The latest version of the old Horatio Alger theme, "From Rags to Riches", has just been offered by a 25-year-old Texas Mexican, Manuel Gonzales, who created the first major boxing sensation of 1965 by taking a ten-round decision from world welterweight champion Emile Griffith in a non-title bout in this Texas metropolis.

Few athletes have begun life with more discouraging outlooks than the one facing Gonzales, born of poor parents in Charco, Texas. As an infant, he was stricken with tuberculosis and his life was despaired of several times during his early years. During those years, he was too sick to go to school.

Manuel was twelve when the very large and very poor Gonzales clan moved to Odessa, Texas, and despite his physical weakness, the youngster had to contribute to the family's meager income by becoming a cotton-picker. The hours were long, the work tedious, and Manuel couldn't find time to go to school. His strenuous outdoor labors had one beneficial aspect, however. Manuel's health improved, and as he grew stronger he began to develop ambitions to become a boxer.

He regulated his daily schedule to continue cotton-picking during the day and visiting a local gymnasium in the evening. He served the usual amateur apprenticeship, did well in local simon-pure tournaments, and when he felt sufficiently advanced in skill and experience, he turned professional.

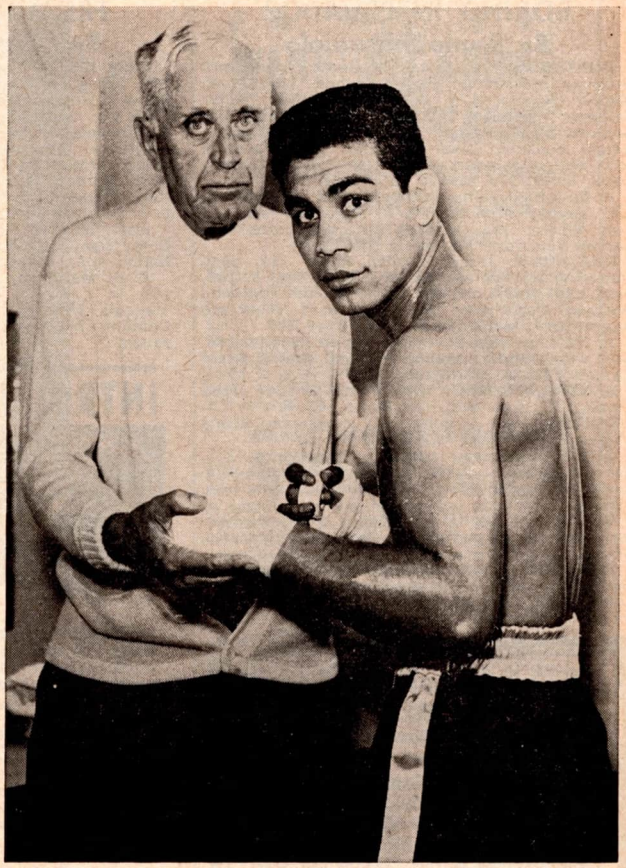
Gonzales' early years as amateur and professional were devoted to learning the finer points of boxing. Because of his childhood illness, his body wasn't strong enough for him to deliver a hard punch. Most of his victories were by decisions. He became a clever counter-puncher.

With the passing of the years Gonzales added weight and strength to his once sickly frame, and with that added weight and strength came increased punching power.

It was in 1957 that Manuel cast his lot with the professionals. His progress was slow for a while, as he confined his activities to four- and six-round preliminary bouts. He displayed so much natural ability, however, that veteran trainer Bill Gore was asked to take him in hand.

Gore, one of the most capable teachers in boxing, had trained many headliners, among them Willie Pep during the Will-o'-the-Wisp's spectacular career. When Pep's manager, Lou Viscusi, shifted his base of operations from Hartford, Conn., to Houston, he brought Gore along with him to look after his (Viscusi's) troupe which included Roy Harris, Cleveland Williams and Joe Brown.

Gonzales' progress was steady from then on, but it wasn't until 1964 that the young Texan began to hit national newspaper headlines. He started the year's campaign by whipping the former world lightweight champion Joe Brown in Odessa, and followed that performance by knocking out Rip Randell and trouncing Denny Moyer in Houston. In his next start he pasted Johnny Brooks in Corpus Christi, then returned to Houston to knock out Peter Schmidt, the transplanted German who held the Canadian welterweight title.



Gonzales and veteran trainer Bill Gore, whom the Texas welterweight credits with much of his ring success.

Now Senor Gonzales has begun his 1965 schedule by taking a decision from the world welterweight champion, Griffith.

Manuel's margin of victory was slight—the decision was by a split 2-1 count—but the fact that he could do that well against the heavily-favored Griffith spoke eloquently enough for his ability.

Griffith's reputation didn't bother Gonzales, who boxed superbly on the defense and used a fast left jab to pile up points. Griffith was aggressor most of the way and relied upon combinations to the head and body. The champion was credited with scoring the hardest punch of the fight when he pierced Gonzales' defense in the ninth and staggered him momentarily with a left hook to the chin.

There was less than a pound difference in the weights, both rivals coming in over the welterweight limit, Gonzales scaling 149¾ to Griffith's 149.

The closeness of the bout was evidenced by the scoring of the officials. The judges were divided. Earl Keel having a one-point edge for Gonzales, 96-95, and Max Russ tabbing for Griffith, 97-94. Referee Jimmy Webb cast the deciding vote for Gonzales, 97-94.

The victory, close as it was, put Gonzales in a position to challenge Griffith for the latter's championship, and Promoter Earl Gilliam, who staged the non-title bout, announced his intention to bid for the match.

Whether he wins the championship or not, Manuel Gonzales has already authored a real "From Rags to Riches" tale.

BOXING IN ECUADOR

By Bruno Stornaiolo

GUAYAQUIL—Gualberto Fernández, 134, from Uruguay, decisioned Pedro Ramos, 133, in 8. Miguel Herrera, 123, decisioned Cliffer "Killer Solomon" Thomas, 121, in 10. Ecuadorian Bantamweight Champion, fighting in the featherweight division, César González, 124½, won a split and unpopular decision over Milton "Baby Face" Moya, 123, also in 10 rounds.

In final bout Jaime "Chico de Oro" Valladares, 130, kayoed number one of Peruvian feathers, Luis Rivera, 127, in the fifth. Valladares was named Ecuador's Fighter of the Year.

▸ **GUAYAQUIL**—Jorge "Zurdo" Riera, 132, decisioned Victor Aymara, 132, 6. José Grijalva, 143, decisined Anibal Guerrero, 140, 6. Fernando Bedoya, Colombia, 147, decisioned Francisco Angulo, 147, in 10 rounds.

In the final bout Colombian Mario Rossito, 144, won a split and unpopular decision over Evaristo Ramos, 144, in 12 rounds.

▸ **SANTO DOMINGO COLORADOS** — Juan José Tipán, 152, drew with Luis Mora, 162, 8.

▸ **QUITO**—Daniel Guanin, 140, decisioned Jesús "Tigre Esmeraldeño" Caicedo, 145, 8.

▸ **QUEVEDO**—Oscar Lencinas, Argentinian, 131, decisioned Victor Aymara, 132, 8. Peruvian Próspero Odar, 133, decisioned Segundo Guerrero, 136, 10.

▸ **QUITO**—Making his pro debut Leonardo Gallardo, 145, drew with Jorge "Panadero" Morales, 154, 6.

▸ **RIOBAMBA**—Leonardo Gallardo, 136, decisioned César Taco, 128, 8. Segundo Cadena, 149, kayoed José Tipán, 150, in the 3rd. Eugenio Espinoza, 140, decisioned Luis León, 139, 8.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

By Felipe J. C. Galang

Flory Kid, 124½, halted Dommy "Luz" Ganzon, 124½, in the 3rd round at the Rizal Coliseum. It was a one-sided bout from the very start. Flory was too strong for the son of the one time featherweight champion of Bataan and Rizal provinces, Dommy Ganzon, who once fought Henry Armstrong in Sacramento, September 8, 1936. Dommy is now one of the beneficiaries of the Philippine Sportswriters' Association in its annual Fiesta Fistiana.

Ely "Wonder Boy" Ramos, 116, decisioned Romy Dyayco, 116, in 6. Rocky Padilla, 108, defeated Joey Blazado, 104, in 6.

Rucy Matillano, 111, stopped Antolin Padilla, 106, in 1. Strong Tony, 131, outpointed Elpidio Magcali, 131, in 6. Johnny Tower, 114, bested Catalino Mavez, 115, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▸ Noriyoshi Toyoshima, 136¼, Japan, defeated Larry Fernando, 135, in a bloody ten rounder in Cebu City. Both started the fireworks from the first gong and went to it until the last stanza. Two officials voted for the Japanese and one for the Filipino.

This was one of the best fights ever witnessed in Cebu. Both fighters sported cuts over their faces after the bout.

Yoshio Nakane, 125, Japan, bested Jessie Necessario, 126, in 10 rounds. The Japanese was ahead in 8 rounds and two were for the Filipino.

Armando Ely, 118, kayoed Mart Carbonilla, 116, in 4. Tony Serrano, 118, stopped Ben Leonilo, 117, in 4.

Rogelio Penaroya, 118, knocked out Flash Nario, 118, in 4. Leo Caballero, 125, decisioned Cezar Villarin, 126, in 4 round opener.

▸ Fil Ravalo, former Oriental and Philippine welterweight champion won a split decision in 10 rounds over Terry Flores, 142, who once held the welter title of the Philippines. The fight was held in Ozamis City in Mindanao. Veteran Flores, despite his age did very well. He lost by only one point.

Sid Javellana, 100, kayoed Fil Panchito, 100, in 8. This promotion was sponsored by the Ozamis City Fire Department.

▸ Rudy Villagonza, 118, badly outpointed Katsuo Haga, 118, of Japan in 10 rounds at the Rizal Coliseum. It was a mismatch. The Filipino won all the rounds except the first and third which was evenly fought.

Rudy Cabrera, 112, won over Virgilio, 109, in 10. Fernando Lumacad, 119, bested Enrique Gaspar, 118, in 6.

Ronnie Kid Arozol, 114, halted Roldan Elvina, 113, in 4. Dommy "Luz" Ganzon, 124, kayoed Leonardo Pablo, 126, in 1.

Roger Moreno, 113, and Amante Puruganan, 113, drew in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▸ Flash Suh Kang Il, 127, Korea, kayoed Pete Acera, 130, in 9th round in Cebu City, a bout promoted by Bert Dayrit and Lope Sarreal, Jr. The Korean won the admiration of the Cebuanos after his first showing and a match against Rene Barrientos is under way.

Billy Brown, 120, won over Anciento Bernales, 119, in 10. The decision was unpopular. The admirers of Bernales are clamoring for a rematch.

▸ Eliseo Aranda of Manila, lost his Orient welterweight title after being kayoed in the first round by Apidej Sithiran of Thailand.

▸ Dommy Foilan, 126, of the Philippines was kayoed by Masahiko "Fighting" Harada, 123, of Japan in the 6th round in Tokyo.

▸ Pat Gonzales, 126, lost to Edmenico Chilorio, 126, of Italy in 12 rounds in Melbourne.

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OHIO BOXING NEWS

By Eddie Schauer

Local promoters have not been too active the past month in order to permit the Golden Glove tournaments to hold the limelight. The simonpures have been turning out and interest is high as usual.

An unfortunate accident marred the first nite of the Youngstown tourney when a 17-year-old novice, Jerry Como, collapsed during the second round of his match. The youngster, competing in the 135-pound class, was rushed to the hospital but he lost the battle for his life. It was announced that Como had a heart condition that had failed to show up in examinations.

Two weeks before the tournament, Youngstown's Mayor Anthony Flask declared the month of January as "Golden Gloves Month," noting that Youngstown had one of the first amateur boxing programs in the country and that it had produced many amateur champions, too. The mayor also honored Tom Carney, who resigned last year as director of the G.G.s for the past 35 years.

Don Hale of Akron was recently elected to his tenth term as president of the Akron Boxing Trainers Assc. Hale, with his partner Jim Rice, are to be commended for keeping the game alive in the Rubber City.

Sorry to hear that Wizz Bang Carter recently lost his wife. Wizz Bang was the developer of Jimmy Bivins, heavyweight contender of the 40's. Carter is a boxing instructor for the Cleveland Recreation Department.

Johnny Erslan of Akron is looking for some action for his promising featherweight Carlos Bowers. Carlos has had three bouts to date—Sammy Angott, former world's lightweight champ, entered some of his trainees in the Canton G.G. Tournament.

The writer has many boxing clippings of the 20's and 30's from around the Ohio Area. Old Timers that boxed then should contact me and if I have any of their bouts, I would be glad to send them. Contact me at 4639 Webb Rd., Perry, Ohio.

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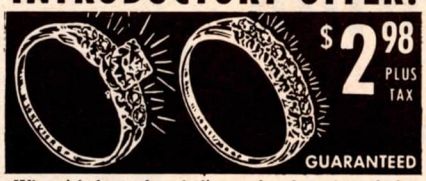

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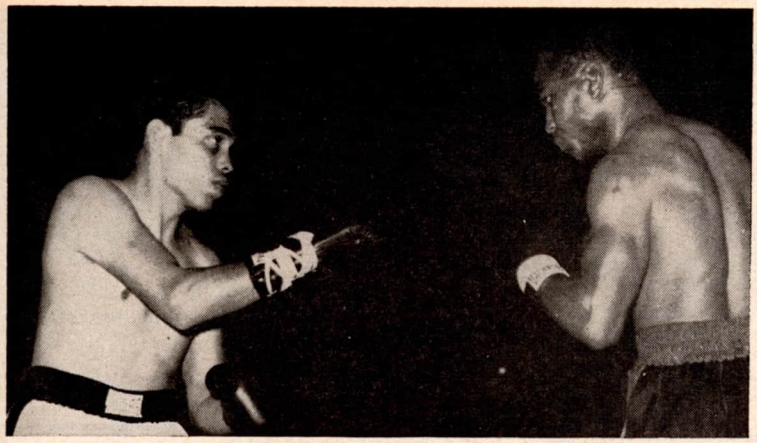

Classy Cuban Jose Angel Napoles (left) moves in on Carlos Rios during their skirmish in Torreon Bull Fight Plaza as latter tries to bluff Napoles off with flailing of arms. But, one of the better Cuban prospects, moves past Rios' defense and clobbered him with nifty combination.

THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

LA LAGUNA

Mel Dipp, Fernando Hernandez and Manny Acevedo worked together and they staged a big show at Torreon Bullfight Plaza New Year's Day. 6,000 fans packed the Plaza and the show was a big success.

Jose Angel Napoles "Mantequilla," 140, kayoed our local boy, Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 143, in the fifth round. Mantequilla outboxed and outclassed his gallant foe.

Manuel Flores, 116, La Laguna Flyweight Champion, fought a draw with veteran Rafael "Torito" Mota, 120, Mexico City, in the ten round semi-final match.

Vicente Garcia, 118, Guadalajara, kayoed Guillermo "Memo" Vega, 118, in the fourth round of a special bout.

In other tenner, Armando Villa, 112, local little tornado, halted Francisco "Torito" Silva, 111, Fresnillo, in the seventh heat.

Jorge Gomez, 119, stopped Roberto Gutierrez, 126, in the fourth round.

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PACFIC COAST

ACAPULCO—Roberto "Charro" Gomez, 133, upset Cuban Manolo Mora, 130, in ten rounds. Gil Noriega, 121, kayoed Feliciano "Chano" Herrera, 123, in the second.

MEXICALI—Two boxing shows were staged during the month in this border town of Baja California and the results were as follows.

Edmundo Esparza, 120, Juarez, kayoed Hector "Shorty" Agundez, 119, in the sixth round. Newcomer Rafael Gutierrez, 160, iced Esteban "Jinete" Ruiz, 159, in only three heats. Jose "Mexico" Hernandez, 116, outpointed Jesus Chavez, 118, after ten rounds.

Ignacio "Zurdo" Piña, 124, the clever Kangaroo from Sinaloa, easily outboxed and outscored Delfino "Fino" Rosales, 126, in ten heats. "Chilango" Gomez, 117, stopped Jose "Mexico" Hernandez, 116, in the fifth round.

NORTHERN MEXICO

REYNOSA—Daniel Gutierrez, 114, flyweight champion of Tamaulipas State, scored a 10-round kayo triumph over clever veteran Ernesto Barrera, 116, former national musquito champ.

SOUTHERN MEXICO

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—Three shows were staged during the month at this tropical city, capital of the Chiapas State.

Juan Zavala, 125, won over Pedro "Chamaco" Tellez, 123, in ten rounds. Gallito del Ring, 117, defeated "Cubanito" Herrera, 117, also in ten heats. Jose Suarez, 108, outpointed "Relampago" Zarate, 111, in other tenner.

Guillermo "Memo" Gonzalez, 118, won by disqualification over Ausencio "Coruco" Contreras, 117, in the second round. Porfirio Salva, 112, and Jesus "Toro" Zarate, 110, drew after ten well fought rounds.

Joaquin "Chato" Castillo, 117, kayoed Humberto "Firpo" Flores, 117, in the eighth round. It was a championship match with the bantam title on stake. "Chango" Moreno, 122, iced Baby Solis, 123, in the very first round. "Relampago" Zarate, 113, halted Kid Batacazo, 111, in the eighth.

CENTRAL MEXICO

GUADALAJARA—Two boxing shows during the month were staged at Arena "Coliseo" of the Lutteroth organization. Results of same were as follows.

Mario Diaz, 125, scored a 12-round unanimous decision over Modesto "Moi" Torres, 124, brother of famous "Alacran" Torres. The Jalisco State featherweight title was on stake. Arturo Lomeli, 135, whipped Herminio Ceja, 136, in the ten round semifinal match.

Jorge Rosales, 145, local welter champ, kayoed veteran Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 150, in the third round. Francisco Soto, 135, stopped Juventino "Dinamita" Rojas, 130, Fresnillo, in the fifth heat.

GULF COAST

POZA RICA—Aurelio Muñiz, 126, outpointed Jaime "Zurdo" Diaz, 125, in ten rounds. Hernando Lascurain, 123, and Bobby Gonzalez, 124, drew after 8 rounds.

BOXING IN COLOMBIA

By Oscar Vergara Ramos

Barranquilla — Promoter: Rafael Forero. — The Boxer Manhatan Kid, 132, Panamá, drew in 10 rounds with Germán Gastelbondo, 130, Colombia.

Luis Patiño, 118, Panamá knocked-out Rafael Fermin, 120, Republican Dominicana, in the third round.

Preliminar's—Orlando Pineda, 129, drew in 6 round with Felipe Díaz, 128. Both are from Colombian.

José Román, 127, Colombia, defeated Ascary Lucero, 125, Panamá, by decisión in 6 round.

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RAY GOING FLOYD'S WAY AS A FIGHTER

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We have had seventeen sets of twins in boxing, with the Sullivans, Mike and Jack, the most prominent.

The records are cluttered up with quite a few brothers who rode into boxing on the coat tails of a fine fighter, and hung around just about long enough to get two cups of coffee and a doughnut.

For example, Jack Dempsey's brothers Bernard and Johnny, who are listed as bona fide scrappers.

Now and then we run into a case in which a less widely known brother will take a different family name. For one, Fred McKay, who was Vic McLaglen's younger brother. Another case, Felix Zaldivar, brother of Kid Gavilan.

The Chips, George, middleweight champion, and Joe, were a good pair. When Joe took sick and could not keep his engagement with Al McCoy in Brooklyn, titleholder George filled in for his brother and was knocked out, a brotherly favor which went haywire.

Brothers have a tendency to duplicate styles. The records only rarely show a slugging fighter and a scientific boxer in the same family.

In which direction Ray Patterson is going, with Floyd as his obvious model, is, as yet, difficult to spot.

WORLD RATINGS

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Laguna's entry into the higher field, Sugar Ramos, of Mexico, has become the number one contender.

Don Johnson, of Los Angeles, has been dropped from fifth to seventh and Yves Desmarets, of France, has earned the eighth spot.

Carlos Canete, of Argentina, has been advanced from eighth to sixth, and Raul Rojas, of San Pedro, who has been advised to quit the ring because of a cataract, is up from seventh to fifth. It is doubtful if he will fight again.

Three changes appear in the heavyweight division ruled over by Cassius Clay with Sonny Liston his leading challenger. Cleveland Williams, still hospitalized due to his near-fatal fracas with a cop, has been dropped from fourth to sixth and Zora Folley, of Chandler, Arizona, from sixth to seventh. Karl Mildenberger, European champion has been advanced from seventh to fifth. Williams is not likely to fight again. Floyd Patterson rates next to Liston.

In the light heavyweight class Mauro Mina, one of the few actives in that sector, has been raised from fourth to second, replacing Harold Johnson, of Philadelphia, inactive. Johnson's most recent fight was on April 20 against Hank Casey. Eddie Cotton is fourth.

Chic Calderwood, of Scotland, British champion, has replaced Johnny Persol, of New York in tenth position.

Only one change is listed among the middleweights. Wally Swift, British leader, has replaced Mick Leahy in the tenth slot.

Changes in the welterweight division were brought about by the defeat of Emile Griffith, world champion, by Manuel Gonzalez of Odessa, Texas in Houston, Texas, the victory of Gabriel Terronez of Fresno, California who won over Memo Lopez.

Gonzalez was raised from fourth to second position, replacing Jose Stable of New York who is now third and Brian Curvis of Wales was dropped to fourth.

Although Dave Charnley, of England, has announced his retirement, he will be kept in the rated sector for another month as the leading contender. The British lightweight champion is likely to change his mind. Bunny Grant, of Jamaica, B.W.I., is next in line, with Angel Robinson Garcia, of France, third.

In the Junior Lightweight division, Willi Quartour, of Italy, has leaped into the No. 1 challenger's post for Flash Elorde's crown. Johnny Bozzaro, of Erie, Pa., has been dropped to second place from his previous lead-off post, and Love Allotey, of Ghana, has been advanced over Teruo Kosaka, of Japan, to third place, with the Japanese behind him.

Kang Sug II, of Korea, who beat Arthur Persley, has been promoted from seventh to fifth position.

Fighting Harada, of Japan, continues to head the contenders for bantam honors, with Joe Medel, of Mexico, behind him.

Ronnie Jones, of Chicago, has dropped from sixth to eighth, and Felix Brami, of Tunisia takes his place. advanced from eighth.

There are two changes in the flyweight class, Walter McGowan of Scotland, exchanging posts with Katsuyoshi Takayama, of Japan. Walter has risen to No. 8.

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Regarded as, pound for pound, the finest fighting machine in boxing today, world bantamweight champion Eder Jofre of Brazil takes time out from his training session to greet two charter members of his Fan Club—wife Maria and father Aristides. Jofre boasts remarkable punching record, and so far has scored seven straight knockouts in defenses of his laurels.

Pone Kingpetch of Thailand, who has earned unusual distinction of having twice regained the world flyweight title in "put-and-take" series with Japanese rivals.

FOUR ACES . . . *(Continued from page 21)*

in Sao Paulo, Herman Marques in San Francisco, Joey Medel in Sao Paulo, Katsutoshi Aoki in Tokyo, Johnny Jamito in Manila and Bernardo Caraballo in Bogota.

Eder has just about cleaned out the 118-pound division, and the only challenger shaping up at the moment as a possible threat is Jesus Pimental of Mexico, who can probably match Jofre in punching power if not in boxing technique. The two were paired recently in San Antonio, but the bout was cancelled, amid mysterious circumstances, a few days before the scheduled get-together.

Kingpetch enjoys a rare distinction among flyweight champions. He is the only one to lose the world title twice and regain it in return bouts. Both give-and-take episodes were with Japanese rivals, the first with Fighting Harada (1962-63) and the second wtih Hiroyuki Ebihara (1963-64).

The Thailander, now 29, and fighting since 1955, first acquired the world championship in 1960 when he outpointed Pascual Perez of the Argentine in Bangkok. Later that year, in his only appearance in the United States, Kingpetch met Perez again, this time in Los Angeles, and knocked him out. He twice retained his laurels against other Japanese challengers, Mitsunori Seki and Kyo Noguchi, before his series with Harada and Ebihara.

Currently, Kingpetch has a title match pending with Salvatore Burruni of Italy, but there seems to be a hitch over the site. Thailand wants the bout, and has made an attractive offer to Burruni, but the challenger, who has never fought outside his native land as a professional, is trying to force the match into Italy. What eventually

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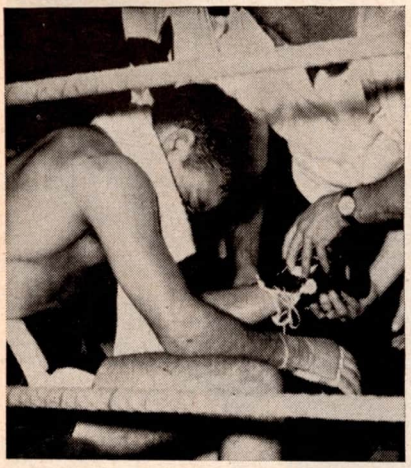
THE BRITISH ISLES

By
JOHN S. SHARPE

CALDERWOOD UPSET BY MACK AMAZES BRITONS



Here is Dave Charnley, lightweight champion of Britain, who is shown in a deep repose which he says he will make more emphatic with retirement. Will Dave quit? Will Dave come out of the doldrums and fight on?

London, England, the first major jolt tossed into British boxing in 1965 was the knockout suffered by the national light-heavyweight champion, Chic Calderwood of Scotland, by the touring American heavyweight, Freddie Mack, in Wolverhampton.

In previous excursions against heavier opposition, Calderwood had done all right for himself, and from what he had seen of Mack in the American's earlier appearances in British rings, the Scot figured this would be another victory for him.

It was an unfortunate guess, however. Mack, who has been living recently in Rome, was too big and too strong for him, and it became obvious early in the bout that Calderwood had bitten off more than he could chew. He was floored in the second round for a count of five, and after that it was merely a question whether or not he could go the full ten-round route. He couldn't. Mack finished him in the eighth.

It was the first time since he turned professional in 1957, after a brilliant amateur career, that Calderwood had been knocked out. In that stretch he had lost only five decisions, and of his 40 triumphs, 27 had been by knockouts.

Calderwood's defeat by Mack may put a crimp into proposed plans to have the Scot defend his British laurels against Terry Downes, a match that would have been a tremendous attraction in England or Scotland.

▸ With the lightheavyweights, we have Chic Calderwood back as champion, with Terry Downes disinterested in fighting for a British title, but talking about another challenge for the world cruiserweight crown. Downes fame near to beating Willie Pastrano recently, but reckoned without the fact that Pastrano, like any other champion worth the name, can still pull something out of the bag when all seems lost. Downes should fight Calderwood in a British championship match.

▸ The middleweight department saw Wall Swift dethrone Mick Leahy, the Coventry based Irishman, and there is likely to be another meeting between these two, their fifth, so that 1965 is pretty sure to see the middleweight crown in one or the other's grasp.

Harry Scott—Willie Hart—Willie Fisher are possible challengers, Johnny Pritchett is coming along nicely, but I don't think there will be much change at the top, unless it's to see the crown back with the Irishman.

▸ Among the welters, Brian Curvis reigns supreme, and it is not likely that he will be seriously worried by home opposition. Sammy McSpadden —Johnny Cooke—Tony Smith and Brian McCaffrey are hovering a good distance behind Curvis.

▸ Dave Charnley still dominates the lightweight division, and is likely to continue to do so. Despite his recent defeat at the hands of Emile Griffith, Dave is still streets ahead of his nearest rivals.

Maurice Cullen looks the best of the home talent, but Vic Andreetti, and Gordon McAteer, should be pounding on the championship door towards the end of 1965 if weight troubles don't interfere.

▸ With the featherweights, it's Howard Winstone all the way. This superb craftsman is one of the best classic boxers produced in the British Isles in years. It is hard to see anyone locally dethroning the brilliant Welshman.

John O'Brien—Frankie Taylor—George Bowes and Phil Lundgren are all towards the top.

▸ The bantamweight division is a lost cause. Johnny Caldwell is still champion, and the only new and real threat, is Alan Rudkin of Liverpool, recently chosen as "The Best Young Boxer of The Year" by The Boxing Writers' Club.

▸ Among flyweights, Walter McGowan reigns supreme and all alone. There isn't another flyweight within challenging distance.

And that is it . . . not terribly inspiring or exciting, but that is all we have got.

▸ **THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, London.** Don Weller, Battersea, Southern Area Bantamweight Champion, 119½, was declared a points winner over Baby John, Rhodesia, 118, after a thrilling eight. John forced the pace from the start. In the third, a two-handed barrage from John had Weller emerge with cuts above and underneath his left eye.

In the seventh Weller came back with a furious drive to score two knock downs and again in the last. John was forced to take a count of "two", which might have been slips, helped by a punch.

Referee Bill Williams raised his hand as The Winner.

Jack Grant, Chesterfield, 174½, stopped Brian Daltrey, Spitalfields, 177, in the eighth when the referee intervened as Daltrey was lying helplessly between the two top ropes.

Johnny Patrick, Plaistow, 135, in his first professional bout did well to overcome a bad start against Manley Brown, Bournemouth, 138, and gain a points verdict in six.

Terry Lye, Acton, 162, stopped Fess Parker, Battersea, 159¼, in the first, when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▸ **SHOREDITCH.** Willie Fisher, Craigneuk, 158¾, confirmed a previous win over Teddy Haynes, Blackfriars via Birmingham, 161¾, when he stopped the latter in the seventh. Fisher counterpunched the aggressive Haynes and put him down for three counts in the sixth. The seventh had only just started when another left hook put him down for "eight", and referee Hart wisely stopped the bout.

Harry Wheeler, East Ham, 146½, was a clear points winner over Al Downes, Farnborough, 145¼, after a hectic eight.

Roger Woodworth, Crewe, 160¼, knocked out Ray Noble, West Ham, 165, in the first. This was a real "Bar Room Battle". First Noble was down then rangy Woodworth took two counts and then reversed the pleasure to put Noble down twice. On the last occasion, Noble took the full count in 2.45.

It was such a thrilling bout that the following week-end, TV showed it twice to millions of viewers.

Alan Wheeler, East Ham, 139½, stopped Jim Whitecross, Edinburgh, 139½, in fifth, when the latter retired after receiving facial damage.

George Wiggs, West Ham, 195½, knocked out Joe Johnson, Islington, 187, with the first right to the jaw. The contest lasted 54 seconds.

Chris Jobson, East Ham, 149½, outpointed Mickey Agbo, Liverpool, 149, in six.

▸ **ANGLO-AMERICAN CLUB, London.** Brian McCaffrey, Liverpool, 146, won his eliminator against Peter McLaren, Brixton, 146, for the right to go forward as a challenger for Brian Curvis's Welterweight title. In the early rounds McLaren forced his opponent on the retreat. He also scored a knockdown for which McCaffrey was forced to take "seven".

In the fourth, McCaffrey got over his bad start, then took the offensive to batter McLaren so badly that the referee was forced to intervene during the seventh.

Roger Woodworth, Crewe, 157½, who a week previous had caused a mild sensation by scoring a one round K.O., failed to live up to his knockout reputation and was convincingly outpointed by Pat Verney, West Indies, 160, in six. Keith Tate, Leeds, 118½, stopped Tommy Burgoyne, Plean, 120¾, in the sixth. The latter then announced his retirement from boxing.

Vic Chandler, Bermondsey, 138, outpointed Manley Brown, Bournemouth, 138¾, in six.

▸ **WYVERN SPORTING CLUB, Manchester**—Steve Ako, Liverpool, 150, was given a hard battle for the points decision against Pat O'Rourke, Doncaster, 143, who came in as a last minute substitute. Condition told after the fourth when Ako took charge and was a clear winner at the end of the eighth.

Al Rocca, Manchester, 135, outpointed Mickey Laud, St. Ives 138, in a hard fought eight. Winstone Laud, St Ives, 135, boxed well to outpoint Al Juma, Kenya, 134, in six.

Zeke Ukairo, Nigeria, 150, stopped Wesley Williams, Earlstown, 145, in the fifth, after a hectic bout.

▸ **THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, London** — Henry Cooper, British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, 189, pulled one out of the bag to stop Dick Wipperman, U.S.A., 205, in the fifth.

Cooper suffered a slight cut over the left eye in the third. Good corner work stopped the trickle of crimson, but Cooper was not able to get his left hooks home on the taller and heavier opponent who found openings for a long right on the British Champion. These right overarm punches had their effect in the early part of the fifth as Cooper's face became a red patch from a nasty cut below the same eye.

Things looked bad for Cooper at this juncture, but he suddenly came to life with a do-or-die left hook on Wipperman's jaw, and the 6 feet 3 inch battler crumpled over jack-knife fashion on the deck to take a count of "five". He got to his feet with the help of the ropes.

Then we saw the real Cooper in action. He soon had the saggy American at sea and another left hook toppled him over again. The American was up at "nine", only to rise again, then fall into referee Jack Hart's arms. Jack stopped the bout to save the defenseless American.

Wally Swift, Nottingham, the newly crowned Middleweight Champion, 157¾, was an easy winner over Charlie Austin, Phoenix, Arizona, 156¾, in ten. The easy points win was an expensive outing for Swift, for in the seventh, Austin threw the only worthwhile punch with his right and broke Swift's jaw.

With a clear points advantage, Swift cleverly kept his injury confined to himself and won the bout. Tough Luck Wally.

Chic Calderwood, Craigneuk, British Cruiserweight Champion, 177, made hard work of his victory over Otha Brown, Miami, 175, who retired at the end of the eighth. It was a relief to the crowd that greeted the retirement, for neither showed any inclement to "Have A Go".

The fight of the night was that between Vic Andreetti, Hoxton, 138, and Joe Tetteh, Ghana, 135, who thrilled the fans throughout the eight rounds. Tetteh forced the pace from the start, but his hooks and round arm swings played right into Andreetti's hands, and they were evaded by clever counter punching.

Tetteh never gave up trying which made the bout so interesting. Referee Benny Caplan had no hesitation in raising Andreetti's hand. Truly a very good contest.

Johnny West, Brighton, 158½, defeated Johnny Caiger, Dagenham, 162, in the fifth, when the bout was stopped after Caiger had received a

badly cut left eye.

Ivan Whiter, Tooting, 149, gained a good win over Joe Falcon, Market Harborough, 151, after a hard fought eight. Len Gibbs. St Pancras, 158½, won over Terry Lye, Acton, 160¼, in the second, when Lye was disqualified.

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will materialize remains to be seen.

An odd development with Carlos Ortiz is that since winning the lightweight title from Joe Brown in Las Vegas in 1962, the stylish 28-year-old Puerto Rican, who was developed in the United States, has boxed only once in a Yankee ring, and that was in a non-title affair in Boston, where he demolished his outclassed opponent in one round. As champion, Ortiz has appeared in the Philippines (twice), Japan (twice), England, Hawaii and his native Puerto Rico (twice), and four of the bouts have been successful defenses of the championship. His next outing, as mentioned early in this dissertation, will be in Panama, where his title again will be involved.

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3. Brian London (E)	3. Wally Swift (E)	3. Maurice Cullen (E)	3. Jackie Brown (S)
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5. Billy Walker (E)	5. Blair Richardson (C)	5. Love Allotey (G)	5. Brian Cartwright (E)
6. Dave Ould (E)	6. Harry Scott (E)	6. Percy Hayles (J)	6. Noel Kunde (A)
7. Sipa Fine (N.Z.)	7. Johnny Angel (N)	7. Vic Andreetti (E)	7. Mick Hussey (E)
8. Rudolph Vaughan (B.W.I.)	8. Willie Fisher (S)	8. Dion Murphy (N.Z.)	8. Baby John (RH)
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8. Alan Harmon (J)	8. Basil Campbell (J)	8. Ollie Taylor (A)	8. Tony Barlow (E)
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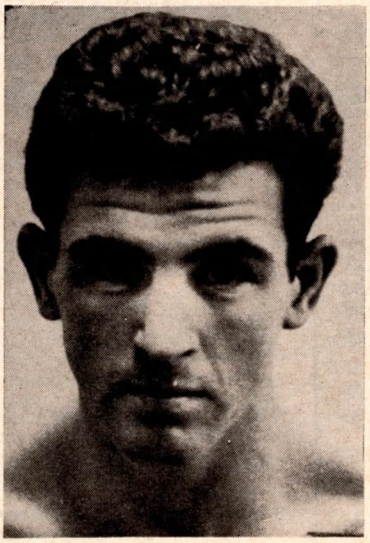
BOB CASSIDY; NEW IRISH RING THREAT

BY DAN DANIEL



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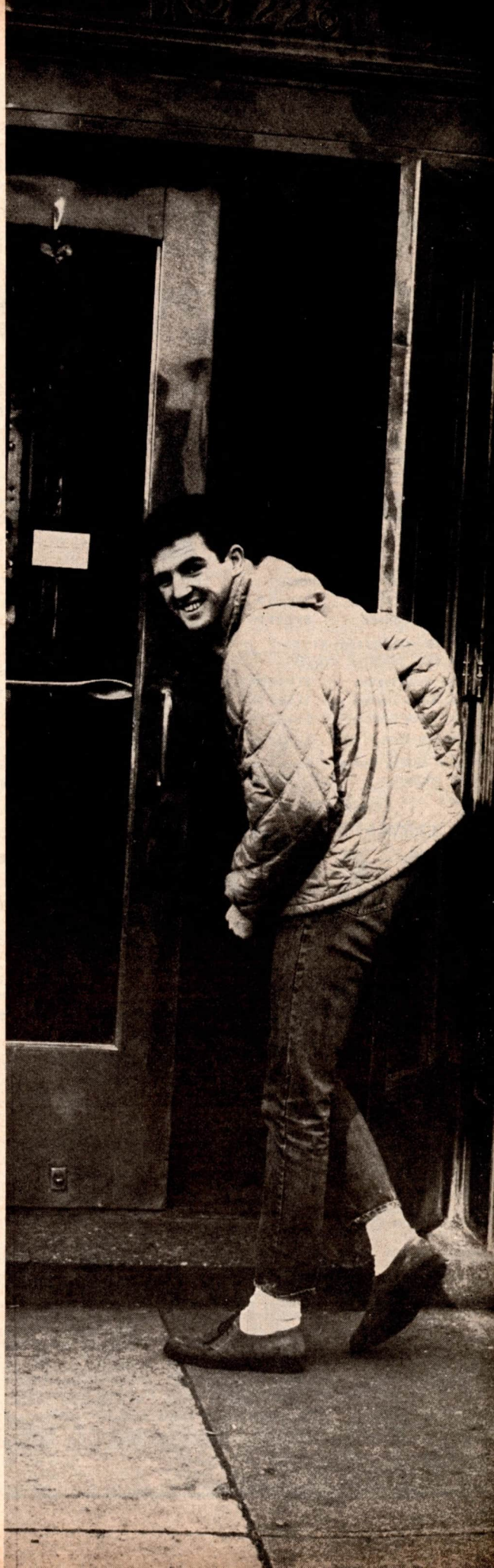
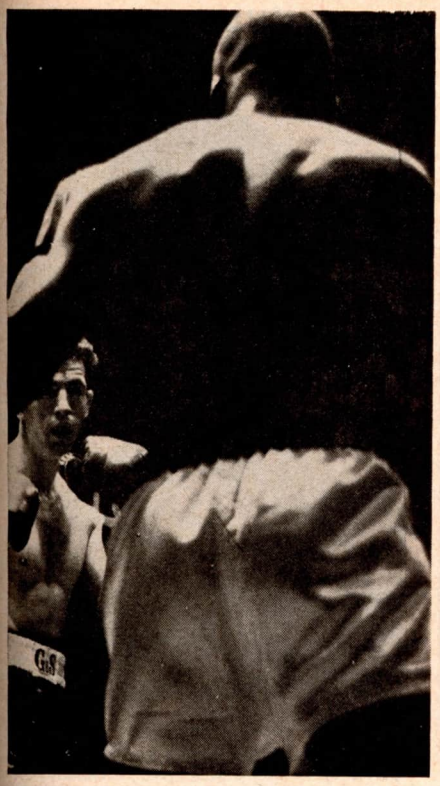
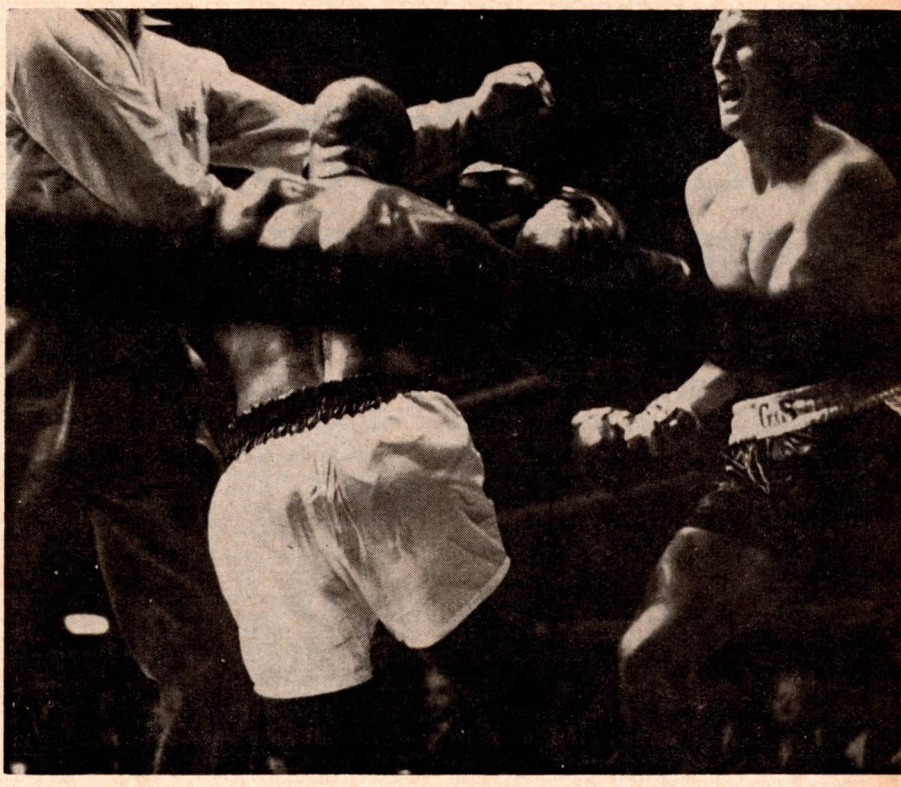
A typical looking Irishman is Bob Cassidy, as closeup (above) shows. The smiling, happy-go-lucky attitude he shows (at right) as he enters building of New York Boxing Commission for physical check-up is not the face he shows in ring.

Announcer Johnny Addie points to Cassidy as latter raises arms to shouts of fans when he was introduced at Madison Square Garden a few weeks before his fight with Tommy Haynes. Cassidy, a graduate of Sunnyside Garden in Long Island City, N.Y., was about to make good in the Garden.





Irish Bob (background) comes at Haynes with his right hand cocked for shot at head. The blow connected and started Haynes on queer street.



Cassidy lets out victory yell as Haynes starts to crumple and referee moves in to stop the one-sided contest in the Garden. The end came in the eighth round. Cassidy proved too rugged and too hard a puncher for Haynes, who was game to the end.

BOXERS of 100 percent Irish lineage are not so easy to find. Time was when socking Celts were plentiful. But the old Gaelic saw that all you need to start a fight is to throw two Irishmen into a room has gone by the board. Locating the second Celt is more than tough.

New York has come up with quite a few promising Irishmen, including Joey Archer, who is after Joey Giardello's middleweight title, and Irish Bobby Cassidy, a southpaw who fights at 155 pounds and says he has no trouble maintaining that weight level.

If you are familiar with New York City geographically you will know that the section from which Archer hails, the Bronx, is the big Melting Pot. He lives in an area which has been Irish for years.

Cassidy, on the other hand, is a native of a section known as Queens, which is rich in Gaelic tradition, but like the Bronx and other areas, has assumed a polyglot tone of conversation.

Cassidy developed in a Queens arena, the Sunnyside, which is operated as a proving ground by the Garden. Sunnyside puts on weekly shows. It takes the recent amateur star with professional prospects and puts him through the acid test.

Many fall by the wayside. Some, like Cassidy, make it, and qualify for graduation into the big Garden at Eighth Avenue and 49th Street.

Cassidy grew up outside the city limits in a faubourg called Levittown, on Long Island. He was born on April 19, 1944, so that he is approaching his twenty second birthday.

Bob is married, to his school days sweetheart, Barbara. They have a little boy a year and a half old. He is Robert Stephen Jr., and has yet to show fistic tendencies. He does have a flair for ripping diapers. They live in Hicksville, Long Island.

"I was not an athletic hero in high school in Levittown," Cassidy opened. *"We had no serious athletic organization as the town was comparatively new. Not, for example, like nearby Hempstead, with a history going back to 1650.*

"Anyway, when I was in high school I was too busy working to be in a position to fool around with football, basketball, baseball and boxing.

"I have a brother, who is married, and a thirteen year old sister.

"How did an Irishman get into the boxing business Well, I was graduated from high school in 1961. I had no more idea of becoming a full time boxer than I had of going to medical college.

"I got a job on a construction project and got set for that kind of life. However, I began to frequent a gymnasium in Hempstead, where the trainer and manager was a character called Johnny Sullo.

"Mind, I never was an amateur boxer. I never won any Golden Gloves medals. I just ran into Sullo, he ran into me, and the next thing you know I was headed for a professional boxing career. As simple as that.

"Sullo has continued as my trainer, and Johnny O'Rourke is my manager. Our gym has moved from Hempstead to Freeport, also on Long Island.

"In March 1963 Sullo said, 'It's time you had a pay day. How about a fight with Bobby Noble? They want you on the 19th. That gives you two weeks to get ready. Up and at 'em.'

"I stopped Noble in one round. A month later I won a four rounder from Joe Falu, and on June 2, I outpointed Al Sewell in a four.

"On June 18 I met Jimmy Jolly. He didn't last two heats. Then I met Sewell again and he failed to see the end of Round One.

"I have had twenty fights. I have won 18, lost one, had one draw, with Gil Diaz.

"That one defeat? A close one. I figured I won. So did a lot of other fans at Sunnyside this past year. It was an eight round fight, with Billy Collins, and he got a split decision.

"That and my draw with Diaz are top items on my 1965 programme.

"I had 12 fights in 1963, 8 in 1964, six KO victories, three per year."

"I no longer work on a construction job," Cassidy continued. "I'd like to get on a regular payroll but it has to be something easier than anything in the building line. Like writing about fighters.

"Maybe I will get into something musical. I used to play with a neighborhood combo. I am good with the guitar. For recreation, it's music, movies, TV.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

MAZZINGHI DEFEATS MANCA IN SUCCESSFUL TITLE DEFENSE

Prospects for 1965 look better than at the same time last year. During 1964 there were more than 300 promotions on the Continent featuring three or more pro bouts.

Figures are approximate but France, Italy and Spain led the way with over 80 promotions each, Germany next with 37 and Scandinavia with 28; several promotions took place in the Benelux countries, Austria and Switzerland. Only Portugal had no professional boxing.

There were several retirements at the end of the year. Bob Stevens of Belgium and Gino Rossi of Italy, two middleweights who have fought the best for a decade, quit the ring.

▸ **ROME**—All records at the Sports Palace were broken when Sandro Mazzinghi clashed with Fortunato Manca for the World Junior Middleweight title. About 17,000 spectators paid $70,000 for the privilege of watching their two favorites slam it out in the same ring. Mazzinghi built up a lead in the first half of the bout and for the remaining rounds was content to hold his ground.

Manca, something of a veteran, unexpectedly turned on the heat towards the finish and in the last frame he nailed Mazzinghi with three successive slams to the face that had the champion rocking.

In a bout for the vacant welter title, Luciano Piazza was clearly outscored by Domenico Tiberia over 12 rounds. Piazza was in poor condition.

Franco de Piccoli was extremely confident against Sonny Andrews and belted out the massive Negro in 2:15 of the opening round.

Bruno Arcari, beaten by cut eyes in the Olympics, was sent back to his corner in the fifth round of his pro debut, again with cut eyes, leaving Franco Colella, the winner.

Napoleao da Sylva, Brazilian light-middle, was forced to retire in the fourth against Armando Ricci and Locorotondo won from Carlos Vanalasta in a middles six.

▸ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — As reported last month, Love Allotey whipped the Brazilian, Ferreira, over ten rounds. On the remainder of the card, a big evening, Marcello Santucci was unlucky to lose the verdict to Leif Schmuecker in a welter six while Giovanni Biancardi bested Erik Joergensen in a middles six.

Teddy Lassen's lightweight win over Brazil's Antonio de Jesus also found no favor with the crowd and Cataldo Jacca, Italy, edged out Kjeld Larsen in a feathers four.

The newcomers, Tom Bogs and Boerge Krogh, won their fights, respectively stopping Vanderbecken, Belgium, in four (middles) and Antonio Medda, Italy, knocked out in four (feathers).

▸ **TOURS, France**—Andres Navarro Moreno, former Spanish welter champ, scored his best win by stopping Fernand Nollet in ten rounds. Navarro floored Nollet twice in the last round, causing his corner to sky the towel.

Yoland Leveque was in sharp form, beating tough Robert Martinez in a middles ten. Roger Giumier drew with Satola in a lightie six.

▸ **BLOIS, France**—Hard-hitting Guy Mastil upset national champion Michel Vinot in a non-title clash here, decking Vinot in the fifth but failed to follow up. Mastil's points win was very close.

▸ **GENEVA, Switzerland**—Enrico Piccinelli fought a draw with a Spanish feather named Martinez, over eight rounds and Carlo Grandolini was stopped by fellow-Italian Pautasso in the fourth heat of a middles bout.

▸ **CANNES, France** — Léon Zadourian, French lightweight champion, won clearly over the veteran Robert di Martino in ten rounds, while Jesus Zarco, Spanish feather, outscored Jackie Chiche of Israel over eight.

Carlo Bocchieri won from Chappon in a light-middles six.

▸ **At MONTARGIS** — feathers prospect Michel Houdeau halted the ancient Hollander, Gerd Berkhout, in five.

▸ **PARIS—At the Central,** Georges Payen continued his run of upset victories by belting out Bruno Fioretti, the Italian light-welter from Tunis. Fioretti was floored three times—and a right hook finished him in the fifth.

André Legrand won from Serge Ringuet in a welter eight, Vito Mastrorillo trimmed Alain Geoffroy in a feathers six.

▸ **PESARO, Italy**—Giuseppe Linzalone failed in his debut as a featherweight, though his first opponent was ex-champ Lino Mastellaro, who dictated the fight from start to finish and got the verdict. Linzalone announced his retirement.

Luigi Farina trounced Luzzi in a light-welter six.

▸ **PARIS—At the Central,** Albert Desproges made a strong finish to grab the decision from favorite Giuseppe Cali, Italian flyweight, in a bantam eight.

Gildo Cracchiolo, Italian light-welter, obliged Michel Dogniaux to retire in the opening round and Lemaire beat René Martin in a welter six.

Robert Martin drew with Serge Cauver in a light-middles six.

▸ **NERVESA DELLA BATTAGLIA, Italy**—Domenico Pillon stopped Fortunato Munoze in the fifth (lightweights), due to cut eyes.

▸ **At LA SPEZIA**—Tony Sassarini won from Mario Rizzi in a bantam six.

▸ **At MESTRE**—Armando Pellarin forced the Sicilian welter, Giovanni Randazzo, to retire at the start of the second round.

▸ **DUNKIRK, France**—Jean Huiban repeated a previous victory by knocking out René Goubelle in the seventh round of a heavies bout. German Cerdan iced Alain Vasseur in eight, lightweights, and Jo Peig won from Gerard Macrez, bantams.

▸ **LAVAL, France** — Local middles ace Marcel Pinault got a close nod over Silvio Ceriano of Italy after 8 rounds. The Swiss, Horst Wiecorek, did well to outfight Michel Lenain in a hard middles 8 and Michel Trou was held to a draw by another Swiss, welter Willi Hebeisen, debuting in a 6-rounder .

▸ **GOTHENBURG, Sweden—At the Mässhalle,** Bo Hoegberg fought out a hard ten against Sugar Boy Nando, a lanky lad from Aruba, who had advantages in height and reach. Nando was almost out in the third when the Swede nailed him in a corner but he boxed at long range for a while and in the eighth it was Hoegberg in difficulty. Hoegberg forced the going in the final rounds to nab the verdict.

Pekka Kokkonen knocked Harry Kneipp from pillar to post but was ruled out in the seventh for an alleged low blow.

Bo Pettersson, 155, won a disputed verdict from Frenchman Lucien Fernandes over six rounds and Jan Persson, 121, stopped Claude Ouyoucef with cut eyes in the first.

In a bout between two Hamburg battlers, Peter Koester, 173, won a close one from Horst Volpert over six rounds. Attendance, 4000.

▸ **VIENNA, Austria**—Yvan Preberg tangled with tough Mohamed Saieb of Syria in a catchweight affair, halted in Preberg's favor in the sixth after Saieb had taken two trips to the canvas.

Artur Zemla checked Erich Hackl, German light-middle, in five rounds and Teddy Schall stopped Armin Reckert, German welter, also in five.

Karl Illy won from Rainer Klessinger in a light-middles six. Carl Roy, 147, of Yugoslavia, debuted by stopping Toni Lechner of Germany in two rounds. Attendance, 1700.

▸ **NEUILLY, France**—Marcel Cerdan junior made his entry into the paid ranks with a points win over Belgian Alexis Scheid, who was dropped twice in the second round but survived to last the limit.

Jean Rodriguez stopped Pierre Duez in four, flyweights, and Paul Cosentino won from Jean-Claude Lepolard in a light-welter six.

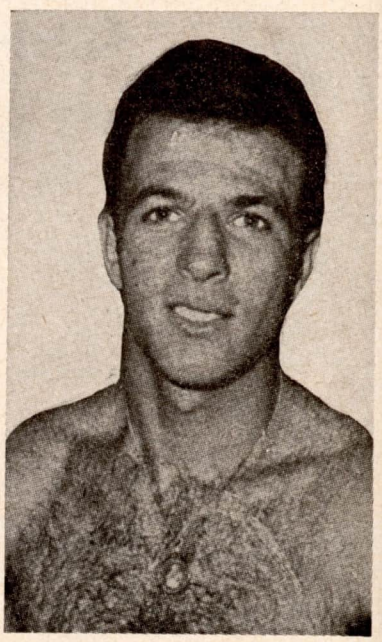
▸ **PAU, France**—As a warm-up for his forthcoming title clash with Winstone, Yves Desmarets won comfortably from the Spanish feather, Ricardo Navarro, over ten rounds.

▸ **DAKAR, West Africa**—Moussa Sangaree, the wily Senegalese cruiser, returned to action, scoring a narrow decision over Guy Parisot in ten rounds.

▸ **TRONDHEIM, Norway** — Chris Christensen flopped badly against the Belgian middleweight, Emile, Saerens, who was well ahead when the bout was stopped due to Christensen getting a cut over the eye.

Roy Askvold knocked out Carlos Vanneste, Belgian middle, in three and Johnny Romsaas trimmed the Surinam middle, Frits Blinckers, over six. Anders Haga bested the Belgian bantam, Jo Horny, over six rounds.

▸ **TREVISO, Italy**—Salvatore Burruni won clearly over José Robledo, the Spanish bantam, who put up a game fight and continued to swap punches until the final bell despite a bad cut over the right eye.



Sandro Mazzinghi, exciting Italian slugger, retained his W.B.A. junior middleweight laurels by whipping countryman Fortunato Manca, the European welterweight titleholder.

Patrini scored a disputed verdict over Bottarelli in a light-middles six.

▸ **TIVOLI, Italy**—Alfredo Filié stopped Armando Murzilli in the fourth and Dino Fontana, former amateur star, debuted by forcing Ambrosetti to retire in the third, both feathers bouts.

▸ **At SAVONA**—Roberto Bracco was held to a draw by Giancarlo Bacchini in a heavies eight.

▸ **CHATEAU-THIERRY, France** — Jean-Claude Pichard flattened Jean Lamiraux in two rounds, bantams, and Raymond Dauteuille drew with Guido Cantamessa in a feathers six.

▸ **At AGEN**—Serge Boe defeated Marcel Fabre in a middles 8.

▸ **NAPLES, Italy**—Tommaso Galli had no trouble with Conrado Moreira, the Chilean bantam, who was knocked cold in the second round.

The local middles ace, Mario Lamagna, debuted with an equally easy win over Charley Kassem of Morocco, who retired in the second after taking four counts.

Esposito won from Vitor Alves, Portuguese light-welter, ruled out in the fourth.

▸ **PARIS**—Luis Folledo continued his run of successes, hammering out a win over game Yoland Leveque at the Sports Palace. In the seventh, Folledo connected with a right to the chin and Leveque took a count. He was still dazed and took a lacing until the referee stopped the bout a minute before the gong rang.

Georges Payen was trounced by the American lightie, John White, over 8 rounds.

Three ex-Olympic stars debuted successfully. Joseph Gonzalez halted the Belgian middle, Julien Milaire, in two, Bernard Thebault flattened cruiser novice Georget in two and Jacques Marty, light-middle, forced Joseph Vingerber to retire, also in the second.

▸ **BOLOGNA. Italy**—In a fiercely contested middles slam, Bruso Santini got the decision over Fabio Bettini after ten rounds.

Dante Cane, the gigantic ex-amateur, forced third-rate Dino Biato to retire in the second round while Ciro Cipriano clearly outfought Vicente Ferrando, Spanish welter, over 8.

Giuseppe Sabri won from Remy Merlin, French lightie, sent to his corner in the fifth, and Italo Biscotti, light-welter southpaw, belted out Cosimo Lacerignola in the opening stanza.

Angelo Cassandra boxed a draw with Andre Leguy of France in a speedy feathers six.

▸ **BESANCON, France**—Now boxing middleweights, Jean Josselin forced Marcel Fabre to retire in the seventh round. Josselin was ahead on points, Fabre sustained a wrenched arm muscle. Koudier Meftah won from Alain Geoffrey in a feathers eight.

▸ **CAEN, France**—Lothar Kremer, German light-middle, was stopped in the fifth round of his bout with Jean-Baptiste Rolland after taking four knockdowns. At the same weight, Jean Demarais

won from Roger Martin over six rounds.

▸ **SOLETTA, Switzerland**—Fritz Chervet was held to a draw by plucky Guido Locatelli, Italian flyweight on the comback trail, over six rounds.

▸ **ST. QUENTIN, France**—Lively scenes followed the sensational ending of a cruiser slam between Paul Roux and Kurt Ströer. Roux took a count in the second round and began to rough it up, Ströer replied in kind and as the gong sounded at the end of the third, Roux shoved the German through the ropes. Ströer was badly hurt but instead of disqualifying Roux, the jury declared him winner by tko.

A regular free-for-all ensued, until the police brought order.

Roger Malezieux knocked out Delgove in five, light-welters.

▸ **LYONS, France—At the Villeurbane Stadium,** Maurice Travant belted out Jaime Aparici in four rounds, lightweights, and bantam prospect Antoine Porcel decisioned the Canary Islander, Angel Chinea, over 8 rounds.

Paul Schiller put a finish to veteran José Gonzalez, the Spanish heavyweight, who was knocked out in seventy seconds. Francesco Dessi, Italian lightie, lost out to René Roque over six rounds.

▸ **SASSARI, Italy**—Andrea Silanos ascended the featherweight throne by defeating the veteran champion, Alberto Serti, over 12 rounds. Silanos forced the pace all the way.

Francesco Fiori stopped Luigi Napoleoni in four rounds (lightheavies).

Carmelo Chessa reversed a previous disputed defeat at the hands of Riccetti, stopping the Roman feather in six rounds. Antonio Medda edged out Petretto in a lightweight six.

▸ **BARI, Italy** — Romano Rubini outboxed the Negro, Jesse Jones, in a welter eight.

▸ **At AREZZO**—Pietro Ziino drew with Antonio de Jesus, Brazilian lightie and Franco Innocenti debuted with a win over Emilio Priveato in a feathers six.

▸ **MILAN, Italy**—Nino Benvenuti, 158, won the support of the Milanese public when he outboxed the popular Argentinian, Carlos Duran, over ten rounds. It was Nino's first appearance in the northern metropolis and 12,000 fans attended the Sports Palace to see how he would fare against the experienced South American. Benvenuti made the fight from the opening gong.

Sandro Lopopulo, 140, handed the Brazilian, Luis Penteado, his first defeat by gaining a points verdict over 8 rounds. In the first round, a right hook lifted Penteado off his feet. He beat the count but the fight slowed in pace.

Federico Scarponi, tough bantam veteran, played the challenger's role in defense of his title against Luigi Lucini, who had to stave off the champion's non-stop attacks and was finally sent to his corner in the tenth due to cuts.

Vittorio Saraudi, 171, floored José Menno, 178, in the first canto but the Argentinian fought back strongly and gained a draw after 8 rounds. Cancilini won from Cataldo Jacca in a lightweight six.

▸ **PARIS—At the Central,** Ameur Lamine, Tunisian lightweight, halted Neves Leite of Portugal in two rounds. Georges Janik drew with Jacques Kancellary in a lightie six and Mohamed Djendoubi, Tunisian middle, stopped Capdeville in five.

▸ **MADRID**—José Arranz, the bantam champion, won from Rafael Fernandez in a fast eight while José Luis Velasco made an excellent impression by defeating Joseph Juvillier of France in a lightheavy eight.

Lafuente Paya drew with Joaquin Martin and Aragon Rios won from the Cuban, Santos Menendez, both lightweight eights.

▸ **GRAND FORT PHILIPPE, France** — Maurice Devillers decisioned Gilles Fincato in a welter eight.

▸ **JEMAPPES, Belgium**—After a long break, boxing started again at this mining center with Jacky Sylveer forcing Pierre Marcel to retire in the fifth (Middles), Pol Wallemacq checked Charles Swartenbrouck in five (Welters), Jean De Keers stopped Michel Chretien of France in the first round (bantams).

▸ **UDINE, Italy**—Aldo Battistutta won in the second round from Franco Nenci when a swinging right opened a bad cut over Nenci's eye.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—It was perhaps the end of the line for Fred Galiana when he was all but knocked out by Carmelo Garcia in defense of his lightwelter diadem. Garcia, known as Gancho (hook), slammed over a right in the eleventh round and Galiana went down like a log. His corner threw in the sponge to avoid a knockout.

Antonio Torres shaded Luigi Patrini, Italian welter, over 8 and Pedro Carrasco of Brazil decisioned Miguel Calderin in a lightweight 8. Francisco Bermudez outscored the Marseilles lightheavy, Georges Torrecillas, over 8 rounds.

▸ **BILBAO, Spain**—Benito Canal knocked out the Martinique cruiser, Joseph Juvillier, in four rounds. Canal proved much the heavier hitter from the start but Juvillier looked like evening matters up by stylish boxing when a left hook rocked him to dreamland. Undefeated Angel Neches won from René Rourre of France in a lightie eight and Martin Barba nodded Fabian Bellanco in a flyweight 8.

▸ **PIACENZA, Italy**—Primo Zamparini, returned from Australia, was whipped in a fast feathers 8 by Sandro Schiavetta. Mirko Rossi, Genoese welter, was ruled out in the sixth for involuntarily butting Bruno Orsi.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(UP TO FEBRUARY 29, 1965)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Karl Mildenberger (G)
2. Gerhard Zech (G)
3. Sante Amonti (I)
4. Benito Penna (I)
5. Piero Tomasoni (I)
6. Franco de Piccoli (I)
7. Albert Westphal (G)
8. Giuseppe Migliari (I)
9. Benito Canal (S)
10. Lennart Risberg (SW)

LIGHTHEAVIES
1. Gustav Scholz (G)
2. Giulio Rinaldi (I)
3. Wilh. von Homburg (G)
4. Pekka Kokkonen (FN)
5. Benito Michelon (I)
6. Piero del Papa (I)
7. Peter Gumpert (G)
8. Michel Vinot (F)
9. Paul Roux (F)
10. Baas van Duivendobe (H)

MIDDLES
1. Laszlo Papp (HY)
2. Nino Benvenuti (I)
3. Luis Folledo (S)
4. Bo Hoegberg (SW)
5. Souleyman Diallo (F)
6. Jupp Elze (G)
7. Sugar Boy Nando (H)
8. Bruno Santini (I)
9. Fabio Bettini (I)
10. Emile Saerens (B)

LIGHT MIDDLES
1. Sandro Mazzinghi (I)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Yoland Leveque (F)
4. Peter Mueller (G)
5. Willi Niederau (G)
6. Ray Philippe (L)
7. Jean Josselin (F)
8. Chris Christensen (D)
9. Cesareo Barrera (S)
10. Ciro Cipriani (I)

WELTERS
1. Fortunato Manca (I)
2. Domenico Tiberia (I)
3. Carmelo Bossi (I)
4. Francois Pavilla (F)
5. Luciano Piazza (I)
6. Carmelo Garcia (S)
7. Fred Galiana (S)
8. Nando Proietti (I)
9. Alfredo Parmeggiani (I)
10. Andres Navarro (S)

LIGHT WELTERS
1. Olli Maeki (FN)
2. Angel Garcia (F)
3. Conny Rudhof (G)
4. Aissa Hashas (F)
5. Piero Brandi (I)
6. Juan Albornoz (S)
7. Sandro Lopopulo (I)
8. Efrem Donati (I)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)
10. Giordano Campari (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Willi Quatuor (G)
2. Franco Brondi (I)
3. Leon Zadourian (F)
4. Maurice Tavant (F)
5. Aldo Pravisani (I)
6. Karl Furcht (G)
7. Vincenzo Pitardi (I)
8. Armando Scorda (I)
9. Roger Younsi (F)
10. Juan Rodriguez (S)

FEATHERS
1. Yves Desmarets (F)
2. Andrea Silanos (I)
3. Carmelo Coscia (I)
4. Lino Mastellaro (I)
5. Sandro Schiavetta (I)
6. Giuseppe Linzalone (I)
7. Mario Sitri (I)
8. Jesus Zarco (S)
9. Kid Tano (S)
10. Alberto Serti (I)

BANTAMS
1. Mimun ben Ali (S)
2. Risto Luukkonen (FN)
3. Pierre Vetroff (F)
4. Tommaso Galli (I)
5. Piero Rollo (I)
6. Jean Parra (F)
7. Federico Scarponi (I)
8. José Arranz (S)
9. Nevio Carbi (I)
10. Michel Lamora (F)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Salvatore Burruni (I)
2. René Libeer (F)
3. Giuseppe Cali (I)
4. Fritz Chervet (SD)
5. Luis Rodriguez (S)
6. Jo Horny (B)
7. Paul Chervet (SD)
8. Antoine Porcel (F)
9. Fabian Bellanco (S)
10. Manolin Alvarez (S)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; L Luxembourg; S Spain; SD Switzerland; SW Sweden.

▸ **MESTRE, Italy**—Franco de Piccoli, 209, boxing in his hometown, was too strong for Ollie Wilson, 218, who was laid out in the fourth from a left to the liver. A moment before, Wilson rocked the local with a right to the chin. Armando Pellarin, 146, stopped Tristano Tramonti in the sixth with a cut eye and Giovanni Capasso, 158, boxed a draw with Emilio Rota over 8 rounds. Enrico Simoni, 163, forced Rossi to retire in the fourth.

▸ **RAVENNA, Italy**—Pietro Ziino was floored in the first by Brazilian lightie Antonio Ferreira but an accidental butt caused the latter a disqualification in the next round. Domenico Pillon, Venetian lightweight, boxed a good draw with Luigi Medri, 8 rounds.

▸ **FERRARA, Italy** — Giuseppe Migliari, 204 lb local product, regaled his fans with a rapid demolition of Karl Troche, 192, smashing the Teuton to the canvas with a series of body punches. Troche took two counts before being tolled out, most of the blows were irregular. Renato Moraes, 172, halted Albert Duscha, 176, in the fifth due to a cut eye but was ahead on points.

▸ **SANSEPOLCRO, Italy**—Local heavies idol Pietro Besi debuted in the paid ranks with a points win over Fritz Mayr of Austria after 6 rounds. Giannini also debuted, stopping Carlo Grandolini, local middle, in three. At **GALLARATE** Osvaldo Maffeis decisioned Antonio Satta in a bantam eight.

▸ **CREMONA, Italy**—Benito Penna, ready for his title shot with Amonti, limbered up with a seventh round win over American Negro Clifford Gray, who put up a game fight until a badly damaged right eye caused the doctor to stop. Barzi won from Angelo Sudati in a flyweight six and Salami edged Torbidoni in a rousing lightweight six.

▸ **ALESSANDRIA, Italy**—Benito Michelon, the local lightheavy hope, was offered a return with Piero del Papa, title at stake, and accepted. Del Papa sustained a cut eye in the fifth and Michelon put on pressure in the final rounds to get the verdict.

Local flyweight Giuseppe Luciano debuted successfully by trouncing Simbula over six rounds and Armando Scorda bustled a close decision over Mario Oberti in a lightweight 8.

Silvio Ceriano won from Ugo Fontana in a middles 8 and Ernesto Martinsen, Argentine lightie, clearly outboxed Zanirato over 8.

▸ **PARIS — At the Central,** Robert Gourguet slammed it out to a points win over the Spanish lightweight, Isidro Bergua, over 8 rounds.

Claude Lapinte came back from a knockdown to outscore Lucien Porte in a lively bantam six and Jo Peig stopped Letellier in two, bantams, due to a cut eye.

▸ **LA SPEZIA, Italy**—Carmelo Coscia moved nearer a shot at the feathers title by outpointing the official challenger, Mario Sitri, over ten rounds. Sitri was very much on the defense and took a short count in the seventh.

Mario Lamagna outfought rugged Gino Rossi in a middles six and Tony Sassarini won all the way against Benny Lee of Ghana in a bantam eight.

▸ **GENOA, Italy** — Salvatore Burruni, Europe's busiest champion, kept on plugging away, José Robledo, champion of Catalonia providing the opposition. Burruni slipped over in the second, won without much discussion but Robledo made an interesting fight of it.

Felice Becco decisioned the Brazilian feather, Gaetano dos Santos over 8 and Ivo Bernuzzi trimmed Carlos Vanalesta in a middles six.

Luigi Furio won from Sonny Forbes, despite butts and mauls, in a welter 8 and Aldo Agostino edged out the former welter pospect, Marcello Santucci, now evidently on the decline.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain—**In a battle of veterans, Bobby Ros got the better of Frank Garcia in a welter eight at the Gran Price.

▸ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark—At the KB Hall,** Love Allotey, 127, opened the New Year in fine style, by belting out rated Lino Mastellaro of Italy in two rounds. The Ghanian set off at a cracking pace and slammed over a hook to the liver that laid Mastellaro out for the count. A foul was claimed but overruled by referee Ingemar Johansson.

Tom Bogs, 156, using only his left, outfought Jean Desmarais of France over six and Boerge Krogh, 134, finished off Jackie Chiche in the fourth after scoring five knockdowns.

Leif Schmuecker, 153, knocked out Eddie ben Ramane of Tunis in the sixth and Teddy Lassen scraped a close win over Lucien Moreau in a six-rounder.

▸ **LINKOEPING, Sweden**—Stig Waltersson, in his fourth pro bout, became unofficial Scandinavian welter champion by winning from Finland's Mauri Backman, who was ruled out for butting in the eighth round. The Swede was way ahead on points. Lennart Risberg forced Roland Graetz of Germany to retire in the sixth heat of heavies slam, after twice flooring his opponent and Risto Luukkonen gained a narrow decision over Michel Lamora in a bantam eight.

Reinhold Dampmann came through with a sensational victory over fellow-German, Manfred Hass, knocking out the former title contender in the third stanza of a middles clash.

Bo Pettersson banged out German light-middle Erwin Koch in two rounds. Attendance, 3000.

▸ **BILBAO, Spain**—The Cubas, Angel "Robinson" Garcia, won after a hard scrap with José Madrazo in a welter ten. Garcia, in trouble with the French police, is obliged to box elsewhere. Angel Neches, undefeated local light-welter, won handily over Luigi Braccini of Italy in eight rounds.

▸ **DUNKIRK, France**—German Cerdan, Spanish lightweight frof Morocco, forced Georges Guerrier to retire in the fourth round and Marc Vandomme debuted in the paid ranks by flattening Bentlaya in the fourth heat of a bantam dispute. Gerard Macrez was held to a draw by Augustine Essono in a bantam six.

▸ **PARIS**—Georges Payen, who has scored several upsets in the lightweight ranks, drew with Ameur Lamine of Tunisia, in ten rounds.

"RING RUST FATAL FACTOR IN MY DEFEAT," SAYS DEMPSEY

(Continued from page 18)

to go into politics. Dempsey campaigned all over the district."

Gene and Jack confound the critics of boxing. In the true sense of the word the two champions are sportsmen, two gentlemen who played the game by the rules, and on retirement became successful businessmen.

With the backing of his father and Dempsey, the 29-year-old John Varick Tunney is committed to introduce a bill in the House to create a Federal Boxing Commission. Handsome and articulate, Rep. Tunney seems destined to go far. In Virginia Law School his roommate was Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts.

"Return bout contracts should be outlawed. I never had a special services contract with Rickard," Dempsey said. *"I was always a free agent and negotiated with Tex for a fight at a time.*

"After Gene won the title, I didn't have an agreement for a second fight. I had to qualify first by fighting Jack Sharkey. That is the way it should be today.

"The various state commissions have rules against return bout agreements, but they are not coordinated, and can't enforce them. That's one reason why we need a Federal Commissioner.

Dempsey was a better fighter for having the Tunney bout under his belt when he met Jack Sharkey. The Mauler was more confident, his timing was better, and on winning he went on to fight Tunney a second time, even though the result was unchanged.

In the Dempsey-Tunney era taxes were no problem. It is different today as Floyd Patterson pointed out while training for his bout with George Chuvalo. The income tax rates limit a boxer's activities, if he is a champion, or even a top contender.

"You feel more comfortable, you have more confidence and you're a better fighter if you keep active," Floyd said. *"But when I was champion my accountant told me it wouldn't pay to engage in two big fights a year."* So accountants produce ring rust.

The high income tax rates is something modern day fighters have to live with. What makes their situation difficult is that their earning period is limited. This is in Dempsey's mind when he calls for a pension for fighters, but that is something that would have to be worked out.

Looking back it is evident that ring rust has beaten the best of 'em. John L. Sullivan, following his 75 round triumph over Jack Kilrain, was idle for three years before he fought and was knocked out in the 21st round by James J. Corbett. During that period—from 1889 to 1892—John L. engaged only in exhibitions. He was stale—worn.

James J. Jeffries was the original "hollow shell." He was in retirement for six years when called upon to redeem the prestige of the white race by fighting Jack Johnson. Johnson knocked him out in 15 rounds. Jeff was rusty beyond repair.

From 1915, when he won the title from Johnson until 1918 when he lost it to Dempsey, Jess Willard had only a 10-round no decision bout with Frank Moran. He had been idle for two years when he entered the ring at Toledo, rusty, and was knocked out in three rounds by the Manassa Mauler.

Four years in the Army dulled Joe Louis' effectiveness. He was never the same fighter he was before going to war. After he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott, Bomber Joe went into retirement for two years. When he came back he lost to Ezzard Charles. Rusty Joe!

When and if he fights Cassius Clay a second time, Sonny Liston will have been idle for 14 or 15 months. Clay will have been inactive too for a similar period, but the heavyweight champion is young.

Ring rust can be fatal to a veteran, and Liston had fought only three rounds in three years prior to losing to Clay at Miami Beach.

The saying is "Youth will be served," but it is prolonged inactivity that defeats the truly great champions. Dempsey is only one of many victims of ring rust, and not all of them were champions. Harry Wills marked time while challenging Dempsey, and in the end was eliminated by Sharkey.

Clay, recovered from a hernia operation, wants to keep active. If he does all will be well.

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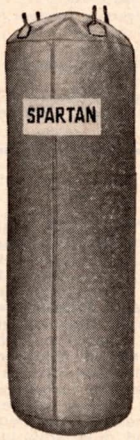

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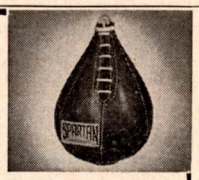

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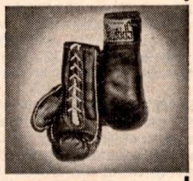

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WORLD-WIDE RESULTS

For the Month Ending February 10, 1965

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Floyd Patterson beat George Chuvalo, 12.

Henry Cooper stopped Dick Wipperman, 5. Karl Mildenberger beat Jeff Davis, 10. Sante Amonti stopped Benito Penna, 8, to retain Italian Heavyweight Title. Buddy Thurman kayoed Manfred Ackers, 4. Jurgen Blin kayoed Fritz Marayar.

Billy Walker stopped Charley Powell, 2. Franco de Piccoli kayoed Herb Siler, 2. Tod Herring kayoed Elmer Rush, 9.

Huber Hilton won from Roberta Davia, 10. Arnie Bower beat Clay Thomas, 8. Chuck Wepner decisioned Ray Patterson, 6. Everette Copeland beat Mel Turnbow, 6.

Giuseppe Migliari kayoed Cliff Gray, 1. Bowie Adams drew with Sam Pride, 10.

George Johnson beat Tommy Sims, 6. Ray Martin decisioned Doyle Chamberlain, 4. Joe Shelton beat Cody Jones, 6. Walter Dietrich drew with Billy Kanan, 4. Rudy Pavesi beat Bob Stallings 4.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Mauro Mina beat Bobby Stinnato, 10. Giulio Rinaldi kayoed Don Turner, 8. Chic Calderwood kayoed Otha Brown, 8. Piero Tomassoni decisioned Richard Grupe, 10. Stanford Bulla kayoed Milton Torres, 2.

Ronnie Geoffrion beat George Cahill, 6. Levan Roundtree outpointed Jimmy Christopher, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sandro Mazzinghi kayoed Isaac Logart, 5. Nino Benvenuti halted Art Hernandez, 3. Holly Mims beat Ike Harris, 10. Wally Swift beat Charlie Austin, 10.

Gene Bryant decisioned Denny Moyer, 10. Luis Folledo beat Milio Calhoun, 10, Gasper Ortega drew with Marshall Wells, 10. Fred Hernandez beat Hilario Morales, 10.

Takeo Maemizo decisioned Srisavut Sitsopo, 10. Kim Soo Ki kayoed Fumio Kaiza, 6. Benny McCorey beat Leon Linecomb, 10.

Stan Harrington outpointed Carl Penalosa, 10. Shigemsasa Kawaami beat Kang Kyu Soon, 12. Andy Heilman beat Rafael Gutierrez, 10. Stormy Winters kayoed Jimmy Beasley, 5.

Gene Robinson beat Linnes Johnson, 8, stopped Herb Whipple, 4. Eddie Spence kayoed Sonny Boykin, 2, and was kayoed by Al Kivlin, 3. Jim Beasley knocked out Sylvester Key, 4. Freddie DeVore drew with Carl Williams, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Manuel Gonzales beat Emile Griffith, 10, non-title fight. Brian Curvis outpointed Vince Shomo, 10. Gabe Terronez beat Memo Lopez, 10.

Klaus Klein, German champion drew in 8, with Marury Blakmann. Manfred Laessmann lost in 8, to Giuliano Nervino. Dick French stopped Al Sewell, 6.

Apidej Sithiran kayoed Eliseo Aranda, 1. Colin Fraser outpointed Gary Broughton, 8. Basil Campbell beat Charlie Baker, 8.

Cecil Mott beat Sammy Figueroa, 6. Mike Ryan stopped Tony Carullo, 4, and lost to Junior Ramos, 6.

Severa Balboa stopped Hughey Holmes, 2.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Carlos Hernandez beat Eddie Perkins, 15, to win the World Junior Welterweight Title. Freddie Martinovich beat Pable Lopez, 8.

Jose Napoles kayoed Carlos Rios, 5. Flory Olguin beat Robert Allen, 10. Francisco Dovilo beat Jerry Folley, 6. Billy Orais kayoed Clarence Felder, 2. Neto Villareal decisioned Johnny Brooks, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Bunny Grant beat Perfecto Garcia, 10. Love Allotey outpointed Jose Bisbal, 10. Willie Quatuor kayoed Robert Meunier, 5.

Manuel Ramirez beat Gabe Hernandez, 10. Richard Sue stopped Larry Flores, 4. Kank Suh beat Arthur Persley, 10 (Junior Lightweights). Joey Olgium kayoed Dave Patterson, 1.

Kid Bassey kayoed Willie McCray, 2. Noriyoshi Toyoshima beat Larry Fernando, 10.

Roberto Gomez beat Manolo Mora, 10. Arturo Lomelli whipped Herminio Ceja, 10. Francisco Soto stopped Dinamita Rojas, 5. Donnie Hicks beat Benny Burton, 4.

Jerry Powers outpointed Grady McLendon, 8, and kayoed Glen Foster, 2. Jose Colon beat Luis Aponte, 6. Paddy Astorga was stopped by Jamie Wonder in 2. David Nahon beat Johnny Gilmore, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Howard Winstone beat Yves Desmarets, 15, to retain European Featherweight Title. Hiroshi Kobayashi beat Yuji Masako, 10. Yoshio Nakane won from Jessie Necessario, 10.

Edmenico Chilorio decisioned Pat Gonzales, 12. Alex Benitez beat Manny Elias, 10. Joey Aguilar beat Fidel Cruz, 6, drew with Manuel Ochoa, 6. Pete Montoya stopped Popo Acosta, 3.

Gil Noriega kayoed Chano Herrera, 2. Zurdo Pina beat Fino Rosales, 10. Juan Zavala won from Chamaco Tellez, 10. Chango Moreno stopped Baby Solis, 1. Mario Diaz beat Moi Torres, 12. Aurello Muniz outpointed Zurdo Diaz, 10. Joey Aguilar beat Frank Sedillo, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Fighting Harada kayoed Dommy Froilan, 6. Manuel Barrios drew with Felix Brami, 10. Alan Rudkin stopped Jose Cejudo, 5. Raul Vega stopped Miguel Paredes, 5.

Alfonso Cazares won on a disqualification over Enrique Hernandez, 4. Grego Garcia kayoed Yoshio Tsukuda, 7. Lenny Brice beat Chato Lopez, 5.

Shigeo Nirasawa beat Kim Kyu Chul, 10. Rokuro Ishiyama decisioned Kim Hyun, 12.

Manuel Flores drew with Torito Mota, 10. Vicente Garcia kayoed Memo Vega, 4. Jorge Gomez stopped Roberto Gutierrez, 4. Edmundo Esparza halted Shorty Agundez, 6. Mexico Hernandez beat Jesus Chavez, 10, and was stopped by Chilango Gomez, 5.

Gallito Del Ring decisioned Cubanito Herrera, 10. Memo Gonzalez won by disqualification over Coruco Contreras, 2. Chato Castillo kayoed Firpo Flores, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Walter McGowan stopped Mick Hussey, 3.

Hiroyuki Ebihara beat Takeshi Nakamura, 10. Kiyoshi Tanabe outpointed Akashi Namekawa, 10. Armando Villa halted Torito Silva, 7. Daniel Gutierrez beat Ernesto Barrera, 10. Jose Suarez outpointed Relampago Zarate, 10. Porfirio Salva drew with Toro Zarate, 10.

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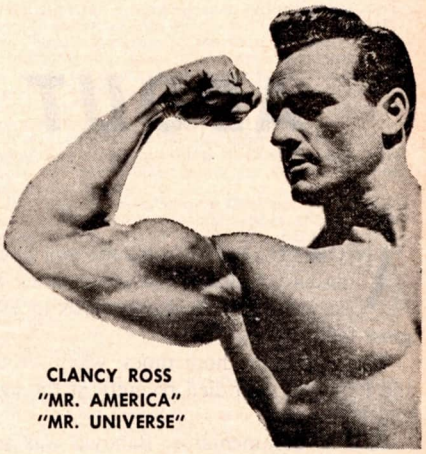

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SEEN AND HEARD

By JERSEY JONES

ABOUT A PAL, BINGO JOE

AN OBITUARY on someone you knew and liked never is an easy task, but there are times when you just cannot seem to find the right words to express fully your personal feelings.

This is one of those times, when we try to write of Bingo Joe Banovic, who died recently at the age of 58 in Binghamton, N.Y.

To this commentator, Banovic was something more than merely an ex-fighter. He was a pal. We've long since lost count of how many ringsters we've managed, co-managed or been associated with in various capacities in the more than a half-century we've spent in the trade, but there is none we got along with as harmoniously as we did with Bingo Joe.

We managed and trained the Binghamtonian from 1927 until his ring career ended in 1941, and we doubt if this rugged industry has ever produced a closer and more congenial partnership.

We cannot recall ever having a disagreement or misunderstanding over anything with Bingo Joe. Loyalty was only one of his many fine traits, and in his philosophical way he accepted the good and the bad with equal grace. He never was one to complain of adversity when the "breaks" went against him, and he certainly had his share of disappointments, especially during the years of the Depression, when fights were tough and purses skimpy.

Banovic never was a champion, but at his peak he was a match for anybody scaling from 165 to 175. He himself seldom went above 168. Built along stocky lines, measuring only 5 feet, 8 inches in altitude, Bingo Joe was often asked to spot height, reach and weight to his opponents, as he did with Tom Toner, Henry Lamar (later Chairman of the Massachusetts State Athletic Commission), Paul Swiderski, Lou Barba, Vic Patterson and Al Boros. They towered over him from four to seven inches and outweighed him from ten to thirty pounds. But Banovic, like Jack (the Giant Killer) Dillon before him, seemed to have less trouble with the big 'uns than with those nearer his own size.

TWO BOUTS WITH SLAPSIE MAXIE

Eldest child of Czech immigrant parents, Banovic was born in Perth Amboy, N.J. The clan shifted to Beacon, N.Y., for a while, then settled in the First Ward of Binghamton. That First Ward was a prolific producer of ring talent. For one, there was Josef Paul Zukauskas (Jack Sharkey) who enlisted in the Navy, settled in Boston when he was discharged there, and went on to become world heavyweight champion. Other good 'uns out of that nighborhood included middleweights Johnny Haystack and Joe Zelinsky and welterweight Johnny O'Brien.

Banovic didn't miss many of the light-heavyweight headliners of his era. His record included two meetings with champion Maxie Rosenbloom, three with Slapsie Maxie's successor, Bob Olin; three with Billy Jones; two each with Charley Belanger, Art Wiegand, Al Gainer and Pete Latzo and single outings with George Courtney, Joe Sekyra, Leo (One Punch) Williams, Bob Godwin and Joe Knight.

Probably the keenest disappointment of Banovic's career was when he lost a disputed decision to Rosenbloom in a non-title bout in Scranton, Pa., early in 1931. Had Bingo Joe won, he'd have been in a position to force Maxie into a championship bout. He did win—but didn't get the decision. The verdict was so unpopular with the crowd that it precipitated a small-sized riot and the furor resulted in a return match later that year. Originally the bout was to have been held outdoors in the Scranton ballpark, but an erratic spell of weather—rain, shine, rain again—had the match shuffling around between the ballpark and the indoor armory. It finally went indoors. It was about midnight when the fight went on, and by that time Banovic had lost much of his fighting "edge." He was outpointed by Rosenbloom and lost the chance at the title.

When his glove-tossing career ended, Banovic tried wrestling for a while. In recent years, blown up to 250 pounds, he had been working for a trucking company in Binghamton. He hadn't been in the best of health, however, and had already survived a serious heart attack before the fatal one.

Banovic never lost his interest in boxing, and any time an important fight was scheduled, in New York or Philadelphia or wherever, Bingo Joe usually was there. He also was a popular Boxing Ambassador of Good Will and made frequent appearances at worthy benefits.

Last time we got together with Banovic was when we drove up to Binghamton last spring for the annual banquet of the Old-Time Boxers of New York's Southern Tier.

Boxing cannot be too bad a profession when it produces a grand guy like Bingo Joe Banovic.

AROUND THE RING

Politics being what they are, it should have occasioned no surprise when a baseball veteran was selected to oversee boxing and wrestling operations. (Wonder what would happen if somebody proposed an ex-fighter or an ex-grappler to govern professional baseball?) . . . Former major league pitcher Sal (The Barber) Maglie is now a Deputy State Athletic Commissioner, with jurisdiction over boxing and wrestling in seventeen up-state New York counties. Maglie will operate out of his home town, Niagara Falls. With no boxing and very little wrestling activity going on in his territory, the toughest assignment confronting Maglie will be to hop along to the bank and cash the checks on his reported annual $10,500 salary.

Writing of up-state boxing (or what there is of it, if any), we hear that the managing-training combine of Joe Netro and Johnny DeJohn, inactive since the retirement of Carmen Basilio, is back in circulation. Joe and Johnny have taken charge of Dick DiVeronica, promising Syracuse 142-pounder, who has finished a hitch with the Army in Germany. DiVeronica's return to the ring may help to revive boxing in Syracuse and possibly other up-state centers.

Still on the subject of New York boxing, the state's steadily waning prestige hit a new low in 1964. It was the first year since the Walker law brought legalized leather-pushing back in 1920 that *not one championship bout was staged in either*

city or the state—in fact, *not one champion even appeared in a non-title affair!* New York hasn't played host to a champion, in or out of a title bout, since the fourth episode of the Emile Griffith-Luis Rodriguez welterweight series, and that was nearly two years ago. on June 8, 1963, in Madison Square Garden!

One encouraging development, however, is in Sunnyside Garden's statistics. The cozy little Long Island City arena has been doing much better financially this season than it did a year ago. For the first twelve shows of the 1964-65 schedule, the gross receipts hit $30,000, for an average of $2,500 per. Corresponding figures for the 1963-64 campaign were $24,400, slightly better than a $2,000 average. Their concentration on promising young talent is paying off for Promoter Irving Cohen, Matchmaker Duke (The Chest) Stefano and, of course, their sponsor, Madison Square Garden.

THESE AND THOSE

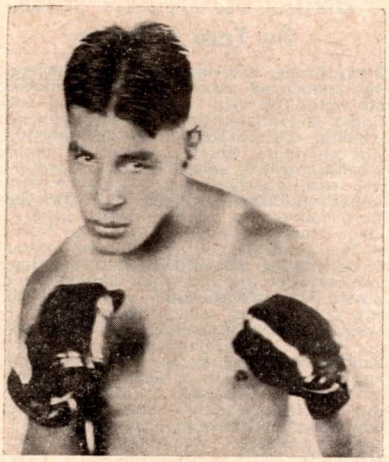
Even though he had been in failing health for some time, and had previously survived a couple of heart attacks, it was a shock nevertheless to the New York fight crowd to hear that Dr. Vincent A. Nardiello, 76, had died in a local hospital. An obituary on popular Doc's long career in sports, not merely as a boxer in his youth, but later as a physician with the State Athletic Commission and Madison Square Garden, where he also handled casualties in hockey, basketball, rodeo, ice carnivals, et al., appears elsewhere in these pages.

Another obit item was reported by Charley (Broadway) Rose, who heard from Miami Beach that his colorful bantamweight of the '20s, Billy Bell, had died at the age of 65.

From London comes word that among the applications for the post of instructor and trainer at the British Boxing Board of Control's new gymnasium, which will open this summer, is one from a 37-year-old housewife, who says her qualifications include "a few rounds in the ring" with her husband.

Abe J. Greene, who has been mentioned prominently as a candidate for the proposed post of Federal Boxing Commissioner, will be among those honored at the annual get-together of the New Jersey Boxing Writers Association on May 15. Abe will receive an award for "long and meritorious service to boxing." Other Jerseyans to be honored are Mickey Walker for "distinguished service" and Steve Hamas for the "old-timers" award. As in the past the affair will be held at Snuffy's Steak House in Scotch Plains.

Back in the fight business, Lou Viscusi is managing Manuel Gonzales, the Texas welterweight, who has just outpointed world champion Emile Griffith in Houston.



The late Bingo Joe Banovic as he looked in his prime, an outstanding contender for the world light-heavyweight title.

NEW YORK'S RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

Back in action after a four-weeks' "vacation" during the Christmas-New Year's holiday season, Sunnyside Garden resumed its encouraging pace when a turnout of 1,068 contributed gross receipts of $2,522.

Hungarian refugee Freddie Martinovich, 140¼, Newark, N.J., had a bit too much of everything for Pablo Lopez, 140½, Puerto Rico, in the eight-round main event. The bout was somewhat of a disappointment to the crowd. It was marred by too much clinching and mauling. Martinovich won easily enough, but seemed bothered at times by Lopez's bobbing, weaving tactics. The only noticeable damage suffered by either rival was a cut inflicted over Lopez's left eye in the fifth round.

The action missing in the main event was amply supplied by a well-balanced and keenly-fought set of supporting bouts. In sixes, Freddie Devore, 150½, Harlem, slugged to a draw with Carl Williams, 150½, Brooklyn, and Jose Colon, 130¾, Puerto Rico, was impressive in halting Willie Little, 131, Philadelphia, at 1:49 of the third.

In fours, Lee Clemmons, 148½, Levittown, L.I., outfought Danny Andrews, 151, West Side; Ulysses Jiminez, 138¾, Puerto Rico, won from Richard Frazer, 141, West Side, and Benny Huertas, 131½, Puerto Rico, decisioned Doug Charles, 135½, Bronx.

Sunnyside Garden's remarkable success with its "Accent on Youth" campaign continued when Chuck Wepner, 211, Bayonne, N.J., registered a surprising decision over Ray Patterson, 191½, Floyd's kid brother, in a hard-fought six. It was only his fifth professional start, but Wepner, a Golden Gloves product, shaped up as a heavyweight worth tabbing for the future.

The youthful Jerseyan not only won, but had the satisfaction of dropping Patterson in the second round. During a lively exchange, Wepner connected with a solid right to the jaw and tossed in a couple of follow-up clouts as Ray bounced off the ropes on his way to the canvas. He was up at the count of eight.

Aside from the knockdown, there wasn't much to choose between the rivals, and the bout was so keenly contested that a return match seemed likely.

Top figures for the Sunnyside season were set when 1,186 paying guests accounted for gross receipts of $3,130.49.

In three other sixes, Everett Copeland, 209¾, Brooklyn, outfought Mel Turnbow, 218, Paterson, N.J.; "King David" Nahon, 141, Israel, posted his 15th straight win in American rings by whipping Johnny Gilmore, 135, Philadelphia, and Stanford Bulla, 174¾, West Side, won from Milton Torres, 175½, Puerto Rico. In fours, Luis Vinales, 158, Puerto Rico, beat Curtis Brooks, 153, Brooklyn, and Blas Viera, 123, Brooklyn, accounted for the only knockout of the night when he halted Victor Torres Diaz, 118¼, Garfield, N.J., at 0:36 of the second.

Avenging the only defeat suffered in seven previous professional outings, former Golden Glover Jose Colon, 130½, West Side, edged his taller, heavier southpaw rival, Luis Aponte Torres, 135, Puerto Rico, in a rousing return six at Sunnyside Garden. It was a fast-moving, free-punching affair, with Colon's strong finish wiping out Torres' early lead. Torres was cut over the left eye in the final session.

Another erstwhile Golden Glove product, Mike Cortez, 135½, Bronx, whipped Bolo Martinez, 136, Dominican Republic, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Freddie Jackson, 141, Detroit, outfought Felix Morales, 140½, Brooklyn, and Benito Ortiz, 128½, Puerto Rico, had the better of Richie Gonzalez, 127¾, Elizabeth, N.J.

In a pair of sixes, Nelson Cuevas, 141, Puerto Rico, decisioned an island rival, Hector Reyes, 128, and Tony Cruz, 120, Jersey City, drew with Auriello Jiminez, 130¾, Puerto Rico.

Despite sloppy weather, the turnout was just a bit short of maintaining Sunnyside's average for the season, 984 cash customers paying $2,322.43.

Unusual for a fighting card featuring big 'uns, not one knockout was accounted for on the Patterson-Chuvalo program in Madison Square Garden.

Including the main event, the card embraced six bouts, for a total of thirty-six rounds, and more than a ton—2,279½ pounds to be exact—of assorted humanity clumped around the ring, with every bout going its prescribed route!

It was another flattering testimonial to the uncanny matchmaking talents of Duke Stefano, who books the preliminary bouts for the Garden, as well as for Sunnyside.

In a pair of sixes, Ronnie Geoffrion, 171, Mineola, L.I., repeated a previous victory at Sunnyside by outpointing George Cahill, 171, Paramus, N.J., and Joe Shelton, 189, Cleveland, outfought Harvey Jones, 205, Detroit, Mich. In fours, Walter Dietrich, 197½, Freeport, L.I., drew with Billy Kanen 197½, Bronx; Rudy Pavesi, 196½, Bronx, decisioned Bob Stallings, 197, Levittown, L.I., and Levan Roundtree, 174½, Harlem, won from Jimmy Christopher, 175, Milwaukee.

AFTER THE BELL . . . Kid Tunero, topline Cuban middleweight of the '30s and '40s (he was the first fighter to beat Ezzard Charles, and he did it right in Double Z's home town, Cincinnati, in '41) has been teaching and training ringsters in Spain, and seems to have come up with a brilliant prospect, another Cuban, featherweight Joe Legra . . . All Legra's outings in Europe so far have been in Spain; in fifteen months and eighteen bouts there, his only non-winning effort was a draw with the national champion, Kid Tano, and he outpointed Tano in a return meeting.

Another sports landmark is on its way out. The Philadelphia Arena, which succeeded the Olympia and the National as the Quaker City's main fistic center, is going up for auction. Opened in the early '20s, the Arena not only featured headline boxing cards, but hockey, ice carnivals and other popular attractions. The site may be used for a modern office or apartment building.

Because of that Broadway "booking agent," who specializes in exporting "fighters" to foreign climes, American boxing prestige continues to take a terrific belting around in the international sock market. On successive nights recently, in Rome and Milan, all five of the "exports" shipped over from the United States were, as they figured to be, stopped or knocked out by Italian favorites.

If any boxer needs only a "shave and haircut" to prepare for a bout, Manager Joe Visalli is just the guy for the job. Handling fighters is only a hobby or sideline with Visalli, who hapens to be a barber by trade. Latest addition to his pugilistic troupe is Mike Cortez, promising Bronx Puerto Rican lightweight.

Duly appreciative of the fine results he had been producing in warring against juvenile delinquency in his area, the Camden (N.J.) City Council has appointed Jersey Joe Walcott an assistant director of public safety, with an annual salary of $6,500. The former world heavyweight champion will work out of the office of Camden Mayor Albert Pierce as an aide on juvenile problems.

Reports from England have Dave Charnley retiring from the fistic wars, tossing his British lightweight title out into the open market. One of the leading contenders for it is Dave Coventry of Liverpool, who may be remembered by the New York fight crowd. On a visit with friends, Coventry, then an 18-year-old, with a fine amateur record behind him, turned professional in New York in 1959, and won five of six preliminary bouts before returning to England. He has done well in British rings since then. Gradually fighting his way up into main event status, Coventry's record over there shows 28 wins (16 by k.o.), one draw and only five defeats in 34 outings, and he is now rated as one of Britain's top 135-pounders.

News of the passing of Auburn Copeland, 34, in Los Angeles was another tough jolt for the fight crowd. Copeland, out of Flint, Mich., had become a real globe-trotter, his ramblings carrying him throughout the United States to Mexico, Australia, the Philippines and Panama. In 1963 he was good enough to invade Panama and beat the local idol, Ismael Laguna. Copeland returned to the United States in 1964, and won a fight in Los Angeles before he was stricken with cancer.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

Grady Bragg, Savannah's amateur boxing promoter announced plans for active professional fights here. The man who kept boxing alive in the past, is confident the home folks will take to the money sport as they have the simon-pures. In the amateurs, Grady produced a number of fine caliber glovers, most important Gordon Lott, whose recent appearance on a pro show attracted a fine crowd under the promotion of Dick Marcus (Dick Leonard) and manager Marty Fuller.

Since Marcus and Fuller failed to follow up after this great start, Bragg kept the interest on high by entering the professional promotions. To compensate for the loss when Gordon turned to the pay ranks under Fuller and Pat O'Malley, Bragg believes his number two fighter, Frank Brewer, a welterweight who made his professional debut on the McLain-Randell program, will have Savannahans talking as had Lott. Another boxer Bragg figures to make a big hit in Savannah is Ray Porter, of Charleston, a featherweight with plenty of class. Here's hoping for the best for Grady Bragg and Savannah.

▶ Is there a shade of Rocky Marciano in Rocky's protege from Boston, Dick Gambino? Too early to tell, one may say, but the youngster got off to a good pro start at Miami Beach recently in defeating Joe Jones. Gambino is a former Golden Gloves champion.

▶ Jacksonville's top fight personage is Sam Boardman, a manager and trainer who needs no introduction in the boxing game. Sam's best bet was his son Larry, a larruping lightweight who defeated four world champions at the time each held a title (Wallace (Bud) Smith, Jimmy Carter, Paddy DeMarco and Sandy Saddler).

Sam has a prospect who can raise the hopes of the veteran and possibly lay the foundation of pro boxing's return to Jacksonville. If middleweight Gene Robinson, of St. Augustine and Jacksonville continues the work of his last three bouts, then Boardman's wishes will be realized.

Gene lost an unpopular decision in his first professional tangle against the more experienced Jack Gilbert at Miami but since then has run up a three-win streak, stopping Richie Smith, decisioning Linus Johnson and halting Herb Whipple.

▶ Tim Ford, the Jacksonville welterweight under Johnny Rushing's management is certain to get some action now that Savannah has opened to professional boxing. Tim has lost only twice during his career, both to Sugar Cliff. His wins number over a dozen. More than anything Manager Rushing wants to get his tiger back in action, and steady.

▶ Florida's popular light-heavyweight champion of the world, Willie Pastrano reaped more honors for his activity in disposing of contenders and challengers Gregorio Peralta and Terry Downes in title bouts. The Boxing Writers' Association and the World Boxing Association both selected Willie as their group's "Boxer of The Year". It couldn't happen to a nicer fellow.

▶ When quick knockouts are discussed, let's add an amateur boxer to the list that includes names as Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, etc. The amateur glover is 16 year old John Hodges, an 11 second man. In a New Jersey ring, competing in the 135 pound division of a Golden Gloves meet, young Hodges sped to the center of the ring, one second, tossed a bombing right and 10 seconds later he was a knockout victor.

▶ While stablemate Gene Robinson headlined the Little River card against Linus Johnson and won the eight round decision, very little known Prentice Clark, of Jacksonville found more satisfaction in his four round victory over the more experienced C. J. Thomas. He had a reason to be.

Clark had turned pro a month before at Savannah and in a prelim go opposed Thomas in a four. Prentice lost that one but he showed worlds of courage. The story behind that fight will touch your heart. The night before, Prentice's sister had died. When Manager Sam Boardman insisted on calling off the bout, the frail looking boxer overrode Boardman. He lost but he proved to Sam he had that essential, DESIRE. In the second Thomas fight, the Jacksonville boxer proved his worth.

▶ Arthur Persley, of Red Cross, Louisiana, and a RING MAGAZINE ranked fighter lost a 10 rounder at Manila to South Korean Suh Kang-Il. The upset may earn the South Korean fighter a shot at the world junior lightweight crown.

▶ Former welterweight and middleweight champion Ray Robinson will appear in a 10 round exhibition match at Clearwater, Florida against Canadian Sonny Moore in the Jack Tar ballroom. A dinner will be held first which includes cost of the food and admission to the match.

Frank Hartley, formerly of Atlanta, drops word from Montgomery, Alabama and tells of the possibility of professional boxing coming back to the Georgia hub.

▶ Former national amateur boxing champion Larry Adkins, of Cincinnati, found Miami's Little River club much to his liking for a pro beginning and won his four rounder in a welterweight duel with Bob Davis, of Miami.

▶ Stormy Winters, of Macon and Miami Beach made it 23 wins in the pay ranks with a two round TKO over Willie Taylor at Miami's Little River.

▶ Word from Tampa by a boxing follower w apparently meant well, informed us Tom Gomez, former heavyweight contender from th city, was the head of the newly organized s boxing commission. This is not so and Te McEwen, sports editor of the Tampa Tribu gave this column the correct info. That same pa also said Al King, Tampa promoter also train Ray Robinson. King, on a visit to Jacksonville t see Sam Boardman, stated this was a mista though a friend of the ex-welter and middlewe champ. Our sincerest apologies.

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

WORCESTER, Mass.—Arnie Brower, 182, Hf ford, appeared to have outpointed Clay Thoma 190, Paterson, N.J., but had to be content w a split decision after eight bruising rounds. The were no knockdowns but several times, partic larly in the last two sessions, Thomas was wobb

Eddie Spence, 160, Pittsfield, bounced ba from a shaky first round to drop Sonny Boyl 162, South Norwalk, Conn., three timees in t second heat before the bout was halted. M Ryan, 145, Lowell, stopped Tony Caruolo, 14 Providence, at the end of the third round of th sixer. Angel Rivera, 134, Passaic, N.J., outbox Hector Rodriguez, 130, Providence, to take t nod in six rounds.

▶ **On another card:** Dick French, 148, Providenc perturbed over having been held to two close on by Al Sewell, 152—French won the first and t second was called a draw—battered the Ne Yorker into submission in six rounds. After a even first round French took command an punched Sewell at will. The only knockdown ca in the third round.

Al Kivlin, 164, Cambridge, stepped in as a la minute substitute and scored an upset thr round kayo over Eddie Spence, 160, Pittsfie Kivlin was dropped in the first round and Spen twice in the third, the second time for the f count.

Juan Ramos, 144, New York, squeaked out split round decision over Mike Ryan, 145, Lowe In the opener, Billy Conlin, 162, Fitchbur stopped Joe Rivera, 158, New York, in the secon round. It marked the pro debut of both scrapper

▶ In a later show, French got the best of a dra decision with Sewell in ten action rounds. As their first bout, Sewell got off to a lead but did n tire in the stretch and was able to match French rally.

Ted Whitfield, 138, Amherst, registered his fift kayo in as many pro fights when he halted veter Lee Wallace, 134, Philadelphia, in the secon round. Whitfield is one of the brightest stars t come over the New England horizon since Wil Pep turned pro.

Jay McCombs, 132, Paterson, again had t much of everything for Hector Rodriguez, 13 Providence, and captured his third decision ov the transplanted Floridian. Oscar Haynie, 15 Buffalo, decisioned Dave Adkins, 148, Camde N.J., in the four round curtain raiser.

▶ **In a subsequent show,** Whitfield continued to b impressive as he stopped sturdy Barney Barne 140, New York, in the second round due to a cu Barnez satisfied some doubters about Whitfield ability to take it, as he landed several hard blow which failed to shake the former All-Service an Golden Glove champion.

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Willie Munoz, 149, New York, with his cousin lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz, in his corne won his pro debut by stopping Don Milner, 15 Hartford, in the fourth round.

▶ **In the Boston Garden,** Promoter Rip Valen oodwin A.C., got back into the baxing pictu with a combined closed-circuit television viewi of the Joey Giardello-Rubin Carter middleweig championship bout in Philadelphia, and a li show. At the end of the live portion of the sho a four-sided screen was lowered over the rin Heading the live portion of the show was the te round battle between lightweight champion Orti 140½, New York, and Dick Divola, 136½, Charle town. The bout had hardly started when a rig to the head staggered Divola. Seconds later a other right to the jaw dropped him. Divola wa still wobbly as he went back to battle and wa quickly deposited on the canvas again by a pa of left hooks. Referee Jimmy McCarron counte to eight, and then called a halt.

Joe DeNucci, 167, Newton, and Larry Carne 170, Lowell, renewed their feud and for the secon time they ended up with the bout being called a draw.

Isaac Logart, 153½, New York, enjoyed a wor out at the expense of inexperienced Tony Valen 158½, Medford, halting the local lad's knockou string. Both the DeNucci-Carney and Logart-Va enti scraps were over the ten round route.

Don Sprague, 147½, Dorchester, edged Wil Williams, 144, Brighton, in six rounds. Bob Bridges, 132, Lowell, made his pro debut a w ning one as he turned back Jerry Foley, 132 Dorchester, in four rounds.

N. F. Says . . . *(Continued from page 3)*

The national czar would have the right to order pairings cancelled. He would guard against mismatches. He would protect the public against the setting up of fights which would lay patrons open to being cheated, and fighters to being hurt.

The Federal commissioner would review any fight which might have suspicious circumstances attached to it. Were a national regulator in office Sonny Liston's sitdown against Cassius Clay in Miami Beach in February 1964 would have brought a rigid inquiry, and testimony from medical authority based in the commissioner's office.

With a national czar in command, we would not have put up with the shennanigans so often perpetrated by the World Boxing Association, which have created ludicrous confusion.

The W.B.A., is a body with an impressive name but little else.

The passage of the Hart Bill, which The Ring heartily recommends, would eliminate the W.B.A. There would be no need for the W.B.A. or any national body other than the one in Washington.

A national commissioner would guard against injuries to fighters. He would have the power to veto the selection of referees and judges by state and locality bodies.

He would have the power to subpoena referees and judges, and state and locality commissioners.

The Federal governor of boxing would have to command international respect, a man like Jack Dempsey. In fact, Jack Dempsey himself would be a splendid choice, with John Bonomi, Senator Kefauver's top investigator, as associate commissioner They are the choices of The Ring – the best qualified for the job.

The national commissioner would have to be a respected, technically astute expert minus political affiliations of extensive, deep seated origins.

Appointment of political figures to state and locality commissions has not always produced the best results for boxing. The politician too often is constrained to operate within political limitations and inside spheres of political influence.

Above all other factors would the choice of a national commissioner have to guard against this handicap.

It might be argued that, as set forth here, the duties of a national boss would leave little for state and locality commissioners to do.

This is not true. There would be plenty for these sectional functionaries to perform, within the scope of the act setting up Federal regulation.

Even with the Federal law enabling the national governor to prefer charges against state and locality commissioners, "for good and just reasons."

Is it too much to ask these safeguards for boxing through national regulation? Emphatically not!

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU

By Prof. Wilfred Stephenson

In a boxing festival staged here by Max Aguirre, Peruvian promoter, at which about 3,000 attended, Roberto Davila, local heavyweight champ, suffered his first defeat in Lima, his native city, being outclassed by Huber Hilton, a North American boxer, in a ten-rounder. Davila forced the fight in nearly every stanza; but Hilton's speed, jabs, counterblows and defensive ability earned for him the unanimous verdict of the judges who gave him the nod on points.

The star bout on the card between Mauro Mina and the North American, Bobby Stininate for 10 rounds, was noted for its rugged slugging. Although Mina kept up a continuous attack, he was nearly always outwitted by the wily visitor who tied him up each time with his infighting tactics in which Mina got the worst of it. Mina got the decision.

MONTREAL, CANADA

By Harry Hyman

Joey Durelle, Baie Ste. Anne, N.B. and Montreal, 152 pounds, welterweight champion of Canada, got the nod over Armand Savoie, Montreal, 144 pounds, ex-lightweight champion of Canada, in a non-title bout before 3740 at Paul Sauve Arena. It was one of the better fights seen around this area.

In the semi-windup, Dave Hilton, featherweight champion of Canada, won a unanimous decision in ten rounds over Arnold Sparks, Montreal.

Albert Breau, gave a boxing lesson to Raoul Sarrazin in six rounds. It was Breau's ninth straight win since he turned professional.

Jean Marie Huard, Montreal, won a split decision over Fernand Simard, Quebec.

In the opening bout, Leonardo Ianni, Montreal, decisioned Bruno Guidolin, Quebec, in a six round welterweight bout.

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What Are They Doing Now?

EMIL CALCAGNI

By ED BRENNAN

Cal Cagni hit Walter Franklin on the chin with a good right hand in the first round. Franklin spun around and ran like a chicken with its head off until he hit the ring buckle in his own corner.

The referee looked real close at Franklin when he turned him around. The spectators were roaring. Franklin had come into the Cagni fight with eighteen straight wins. He had knocked out thirteen middleweights.

This was in 1939 at Madison Square Garden. The referee stayed on top of Franklin as Cagni hit him with a lot of terrible punches on the head but Franklin wouldn't go down.

When the bell rang ending this eight round semi-final to the Lou Ambers-Baby Arizmendi fight, the referee raised Cagni's hand.

Nobody ever heard of Franklin after that. This is the way it is in boxing sometimes. A big punch can make a fighter. It also can send him out looking for a job.

The referee also raised Cagni's hand over Milt Aaron, the number one contender, Baby Salvy Saban, Norman Rubio, Frankie Blaire and a lot of other good fighters.

The other day in Workmen's Compensation Court in Newark, N.J. the Referee raised his gavel and rapped for order.

Referee Emile Calcagni listened to lawyers arguing a case involving an injured factory worker. Referee Calcagni is the same fellow who helped Franklin get his Social Security card early in life.

"I lived like a priest when I was fighting," Calcagni said on a recent visit to the Ring Magazine office.

"I trained hard. I lived good and always was in bed before ten o'clock. I figured I could beat all the middleweights around."

Emil could be right. He might have gone all the way if it hadn't been for Adolph Hitler who was moving his Nazi war machine very fast across Europe.

Calcagni enlisted in the Navy in late 1940. When he did, he had beaten 58 people, lost twelve times and fought five draws. Twenty of his wins were knockouts. Nobody ever stopped him.

Emil got out of the Navy in 1946 and went back home to Cresskill, N.J. He married Loretta Urrichio. After a daughter Sharyon was born, Calcagni took odd jobs and managed fighters who should have been working with Walter Franklin.

Emil realized he was going the wrong way on a one-way street and enlisted in Bergen Junior College which now is part of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N.J.

Franklin couldn't stop Calcagni and nobody else could once he got out of college.

Referee Emil Calcagni now lives in a big house at 23 Martin Street in Bergenfield, N.J.

BOXING IN LAS VEGAS, NEV.
By Alan Adler

Las Vegas is the only city in the country where boxing is conducted on a weekly basis, 52 shows a year. Bill Miller, the matchmaker, has succeeded in doing something no other matchmaker has accomplished. He expects to continue this year what he started in 1964.

In his "First Strip of the Week" fight show, a good action battle, Denny Moyer, highly rated middleweight, lost a split decision to Gene "Honey Bear" Bryant. The verdict didn't pull well with the fans who booed it. This observer had the bout a draw.

In the semi-final Cecil Mott, 146, Henderson, decisioned Sammy Figueroa, Las Vegas, 148, in six rounds.

Joey Aguillar, 127½, Las Vegas, easily beat Fidel Cruz, 129, Los Angeles, in six. In a five round bout, Jesse Sanchez, 137½, San Jose, Cal., beat Jorge Rovera, 138½, Los Angeles.

▸ The following week, local favorite Pete Buffala, 131, a classy boxer, was knocked out in the eighth round after leading all the way and giving an excellent performance against Larry "Schoolboy" Flores, a boy who has a lethal wallop. The victim was dropped in the eighth round, then got up and sagged into the ropes. Then he got caught with a left-right combination that ended the fight. The victor has ten kayoes in thirteen victories.

Cecil Mott, 157, won over Carl Moore, 158, Phoenix, in six and Fred McWilliams, 160½, Phoenix, decisioned Phil Clark, 159, Los Angeles, in six.

Joey Aguillar, 129, Las Vegas, drew with Manuel Ochoa, 129½, Los Angeles.

▸ The following are other results:

Ferd Hernandez, 161, was awarded a 3 round TKO over Prince Rudy, 162, who quit because of a fractured hand.

In the eight round semi-final, Armand Lourenco, 149½, doorman at the Sands Hotel, won a split decision over Sammy Figueroa, 149½, Las Vegas.

Joey Aguillar, 126, Las Vegas, fought a draw of six rounds with Willie Kee, 127, Reno, and Pete Buffala, 131, Las Vegas, decisioned Danny Valdez, 128, Los Angeles.

In a 12 round bout approved by the WBA as its North American welter championship match, Don Miner, 145½, Nevada champion, won the decision in a hard-fought thriller, over Ernie Indian Red Lopez, 145, Los Angeles. The winner is a southpaw.

Sammy Figueroa, 149½, Las Vegas, beat Bernie Magellenes, 149, Los Angeles, in six. It was a good, tough battle.

Cecil Mott, 151½, Las Vegas, tko'd Sammy Davis, Jr., 149, Phoenix, in four. Danny Valdez, 129½, Las Vegas, won over Joey Aguillar, 129½, Los Angeles, in 5.

Lindon Rendon, 173½, Las Vegas, fought a tough draw with Charlie Leslie, 175½, Los Angeles in a rematch, on December 29. Leslie suffered cuts over both eyes and Rendon also had a slight cut over his left eye. In a previous bout Leslie had won a split decision.

Cecil Mott, 148, Las Vegas, won over Johnny Morrison, 146, Los Angeles, in six. Hermanico Lugo, 138, Los Angeles, decisioned Neto Villareal, 135, Las Vegas, in six and Fidel Cruz, 125½, Los Angeles, tko'd Tony Vega, 121½, in three.

BOXING FROM MIAMI
By Hank Kaplan

MIAMI SPOTLIGHT—It may well be within the reach of Angelo Dundee before he retires from the sport of boxing, to eclipse all previously existing marks for the management of world boxing champions.

Upon announcement by the well known Louisville syndicate that, henceforth, Angelo Dundee will be official manager of Cassius Clay, the World heavyweight champion became the 5th titleholder to come under the guidance of the multi-talented Dundee. Luis Rodriguez, Sugar Ramos, Ralph Dupas and Willie Pastrano preceded Clay as recipients of Angelo's astuteness in the handling of fighters.

When one of this generation's greatest boxing performers, long since retired, dons ring attire, and seriously attempts to whip himself back into boxing condition, this is news. One of the truly great exponents of the boxing science, Willie Pep, has decided to exhibit his once matchless wares in a bout labeled as an exhibition, for Promoter Neil Composto's Little River Auditorium faithfuls.

Recent gym workouts reveal that the former champ of the featherweights has retained much of his old form and flash. Naturally, muscular and wind endurance, until tested, are hidden, but surely cannot be counted on, as only training will provide these aspects of conditioning. Running ahead of themselves, some observers feel Pep can still give many youngsters an interesting evening.

Since his arrival here a couple of months ago, Willie has attended every boxing show and the ringsiders love him. Unable to shake the rosin dust, the peerless one has apparently yielded to a call he has managed to resist since a losing endeavor in January, 1959, against Sonny Leon in Caracas, Venezuela.

At the moment, speculation runs high regarding limitations set by the 42 year old member of the Hall Of Fame.

▸ **MIAMI RESULTS, Little River Auditorium**—After a good first round of competitive action, the fight fans at Little River Auditorium saw the still undefeated Stormy Winters, 159, belabor Willie Taylor, 158, into a 2nd round TKO in a bout designed to go 8 stanzas. The unprepared Taylor tossed whatever he had at Lennie McMillan's bright prospect in round one, then, when spent, became an easy target for Stormy's short, target-meeting punches.

In another scheduled 8 rounder, Jerry Powers, 127, exposed a partially healed eye cut to the head hunting Grady McLendon, 135, who reopened the recently acquired laceration. The active setto was stopped in round 3. This was Powers' 42nd fight of 1964.

A scheduled sixer found Ray Lavarro, 158, in a K.O. win over Duane Simpson, 151, Opa-Locka, in the 4th round. In the best fight of the night, Larry Adkins, brand new to the pro wars, 144, bested Bobo Davis, 143, in 4 rounds.

In a 4 round exhibition, Scatterhawk Dixon, 161, boxed Isaac Grubbs, 185, as they filled in a void in the card.

▸ **Miami Beach Auditorium**—Highly touted, but camouflaged, as his performance revealed, by a 25-2 record, Johnny Featherman, 173, failed to demonstrate the ability accorded him. In a scheduled 10 round main-event at Miami Beach Auditorium, Florentino Fernandez, 166, fighting his biggest opponent thus far, bombarded the body and facial features of Featherman, before a holiday crowd of 3,031, to stop the aspiring Arizona State Junior in the sixth round.

Featherman's gameness is unchallenged. One good right cross connecting on "bleeder" Fernandez, causing a slight cut in the second round, was the Arizonian's only offensive contribution of note. By the end of round 5, Referee Barney Felix was spared making a decision when Featherman walked back to his corner with eye damage. A 13 sutured gash ended the bout.

In a lively 8 rounder, another Caribbean Fernandez, Felix, 132, of Santo Domingo, D. R., won his 4th straight in this country as he pounded out a points win over switch-hitting Grady McLendon, 133, Dublin, Ga. The likeable McLendon fought one of the best fights of his career in losing to the high-rising Fernandez.

In a six, former New Englander, Dick Gambino, 178, pal of Tony Alongi and now of Hollywood, Florida, pressed Miamian Joe Jones, 168½, to defeat via the decision route.

Don Lutz, 155, former Milwaukee amateur, with 40 simon-pure bouts behind him, won his third straight as a pro in handing Linnis Johnson, 160, a licking in 4 rounds.

In a wild brawl, Bunny Marquart, 187, making his first start as a pro, emerged the winner when opponent Johnny Stacy, 178½, was disqualified in the 2nd round.

▸ **Little River Auditorium**—Displaying his wares for the first time in over 6 months, Gene Robinson, 155, St. Augustine, Florida, undertook the

rgors of main-event obligations at Little River Auditorium with a convincing victory over busy Linnis Johnson, 156, Miami, in 8 rounds. The stylish Robinson performed well enough to please Niel Composto's customers as well as genial Sam Boardman, his manager.

The kid from America's oldest city throws a slick right hand and employs an assorted arsenal in his attack. He now owns a 5-1 record.

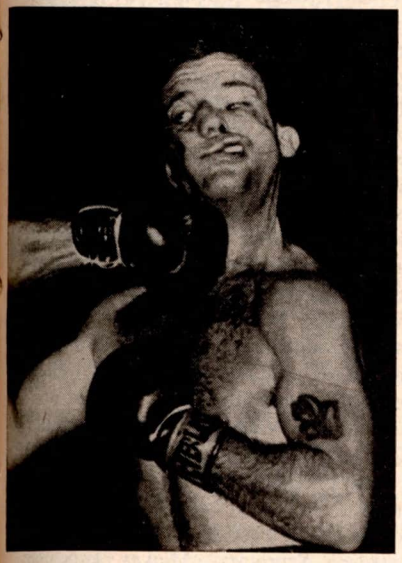
Starting the new year off with a bang, Jerry Powers, 128, finished off Glen Foster, 130, Jacksonville, in 2 rounds. After a first round knockdown of Foster, a short right to the chin in the second sent the "Northerner" down for the full count.

In another scheduled six, Jimmy Beasley, 154, stopped Sylvester Key, 148, Los Angeles, in the 3rd. In fours, Prentice Clark, 132, Jacksonville, in a re-match with C. J. Thomas, 135, scored often enough to win this time while Grady McLendon, 136, drew with George Sawyer, 140, of Miami.

Little River Auditorium—In his second appearance at the Little River Auditorium in as many weeks, Gene Robinson, 155, St. Augustine, made it two in a row by stopping Herb Whipple, 152, Homestead, in the 4th round. Whipple, a talented kid in need of more experience, proved troublesome to Neil Composto's new "attraction", as he boxed well and landed occasional rights before running out of gas. The referee stopped the action on the ropes.

In a scheduled six, Jerry Locker, now domiciled in Miami with his wife and newborn baby, at 160, posted his fourth straight K.O. victory since turning professional as he retired Luke Owens, Miami, 162, in one round.

Maintaining an average of "one a week", Jerry Powers, 131, was involved with a controversial split decision over him against Harold



Johnny Featherman's face was distorted by terrific left hook thrown by Florentino Fernandez in bout in Miami Beach, Fla.

McKeever, 134, Fort Lauderdale. In a six round bout, both boys fought at a rapid pace in a crowd-pleasing performance. A return bout is very much in order.

In fours, James Lee, 134, Miami, bumped C. J. Thomas, 136, in one round, while Scatterhawk Dixon, 165, "filling-in" with Willie Thomas, 164, scored a decision win over his former conqueror.

MIAMI GLOBETROTTERS—In two losing efforts, first against German opponent Karl Mildenberger, then, Italian Francisco De Piccoli, Ollie Wilson tabs the former as a heavyweight to be reckoned with.

Gordon Lott was diverted from his "military trail" for a one-nighter at Savannah, Georgia, where he successfully maintained his unbeaten record by posting a points win over Rocky Randell in ten rounds at the Sports Center. But for one entry, the underneath components of the show all trekked in from Miami to the Georgia port city.

Grady Ponder, a prime lightweight prospect of Miami, decisioned George Sawyer in 8 rounds but suffered his first knockdown in the process. In a middleweight duel, Willie Thomas licked Scatterhawk Dixon in 6 rounds.

Don Lutz was a 2 round TKO winner over Kid Palace in a middleweight match, while C. J. Thomas was returned a winner over Prentice Clark of Jacksonville in 4.

Bobo Reckley, 159, boxing before a home town audience at the Zanzibar Club in Nassau, Bahamas, stopped Scatterhawk Dixon, 161, Miami, in the 8th round on a TKO. The show co-promoted by Chris Malakius and Douglas Carey, was well received.

After pouring it on for three rounds, Chip Johnson, 192¾, tired badly, relaxed and got tagged with a good right in the fourth. falling victim to the fists of Brian London, 198¾, in England, as Referee Chris Maggs intervened only seconds before round 4 terminated.

One of three interesting matches at Albert Hall in London, found Otha Brown a TKO victim to Chic Calderwood in a lightheavyweight bout, due to a deep cut. This was Brown's second loss in 35 fights, one of which was reversed.

In further activity at the Zanzibar Club at Nassau, Bahamas, "Bobo" Reckley, 160, Miami-based Bahamian, bombed out Tony Norton, 173, of Akron, Ohio, in one round.

MIAMI HIGHLIGHTS—Boxing's followers were saddened by the loss of Frank Lauria, local referee and member of a fighting family originating in Philadelphia. He was a dedicated devotee of the sport.

Spending the winter in the sunny climes of Miami are two contemporaries of Benny Leonard. In fact, both tangled with the standard bearer of the 135 pounders. Their names—Frankie Conifrey, known as The Fighting Fireman, who figured in the classic feud with Leonard at the Empire A.C. in 1916. Spanning an eleven year period in boxing, from 1912-1923, Frankie lists Leonard, Johnny Kilbane, Phil Bloom, Pal Moran, Bobby Reynolds and Pal Moore as his top opponents.

The other seasonal migrant, Phil Bloom, knew Leonard well as they met within the ropes on 8 occasions during period 1914 to 1919.

After out of town bouts with Walker Simmons, Tommy Payne, Billy Shannon, Ted Williams, Don Turner and Earl Johnson, Honeyboy Whitney is back to his spawning grounds for more activity.

A proud product of boxing is Mickey Ryan, who once faced the onslaught of a budding Henry Armstrong, and later, survived the "Bataan Death March" and the servilities of a Japanese concentration camp for over three years. Mickey was recently promoted to Supervisor for Labor Relations with the Miami Office of Eastern Airlines where he serves on the Management staff.

Holding the record for local multiple meetings are protagonists Sandy Seabrooke and Jerry Powers—an even dozen.

Some info on newcomer Don Lutz, who has won three straight since arriving here, reveals he is a 19 year old ex-amateur from Milwaukee who started boxing at age 14 and compiled an impressive amateur record in 40 outings while touring the Mid-West area . . . Former amateur boxer and present Governor of the State of Alabama, George Wallace, was in attendance at the Fernandez-Featherman show which he seemingly enjoyed.

Chico Veliz, the Cuban Buzz-saw, went undefeated in 1964 . . . Gomeo Brennan is preparing for his initial British Empire title defense against Wally Swift in England . . . A welcome addition to local boxing circles is Rory O'Shea who just checked in from Chicago.

This writer is in the process of organizing a Veteran Boxers Association for the South Florida region. Eligible for membership will be former boxers, managers, trainers, writers and others who have been involved in boxing. Persons interested should contact Hank Kaplan at address below.

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FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

MEXICO CITY, F.D.—Mario Diaz, 126, outpointed Jose Jimenez, 125, in 10. Alfredo Meneses, 118, decisioned German Bastidas, 117, in 10. Chivito Lazcano, 118, decisioned Juan Villa, 118, in 6.

Juan Garcia, 117, outpointed Manuel Mugica, 117, in 6. Enrique Hernandez, 118, decisioned Porfirio Mendoza, 118, in 4.

Raul Vega, 118, stopped Miguel Paredes, 120, in 5. Crescencio Mendez, 118, defeated Julio Moreno, 120, by disqualification in 6.

Alfonso Cazares, 111, stopped Enrique Hernandez, 112, in 4. Jose Garcia, 119, outpointed Chucho Sandoval, 116, in 6. Antonio Garcia, 111, decisioned Raul Perez, 107, in 4.

Hippolite Hernandez, 125, stopped Jorge Chango Villanueva, 126, in 2. Nacho Maya, 113, decisioned Beto Ojeda, 114, in 8. Rafael Flores, 125, decisioned Francisco Muñoz, 123, in 6. Hector Vazquez, 120, outpointed Ezequiel Martinez, 120, in 6.

Juan Pacheco, 114, decisioned Roman Mejia, 114, in 4.

Raul Vega, 126, outpointed Torito Mota, 125, in 10. Jorobado Olvera, 118, outpointed Gerardo Luna, 118, in 10. Cid Cardenas, 118, stopped Manuel Salazar, 118, in 2. Juan Garcia, 117, stopped Raul Huerta, 117, in 5. Jose Chavez, 118, decisioned Angel Mera, 117, in 4.

Mauro Galvan, 135, outpointed Francisco Cancio, 135, in 10. Chango Carmona, 132, stopped Merced Soria, 134, in 2. Mauricio Gascon, 128, outpointed Angel Mendoza, 123, in 6. Pelon Suarez, 134, outpointed Chucho Gonzalez, 127, decisioned Sebastian Espinosa, 126, in 4.

Fernando Sotelo, 127, stopped Rogelio Fernandez, 126, in 5. Luis Jimenez, 112, outpointed Gallito Camacho, 112, in 10. Halcon Ruiz, 116, decisioned Raul Martinez, 112, in 8.

Lupe Mendez, 123, stopped Mongo Noguez, 128, in 3. Eladio Elvira, 117, knocked out Alberto Gonzalez, 117, in 1.

Beto Martinez, 145, stopped Cisco Martinez, 147, in 5. Conrado Barcenas, 118, stopped Delfino Martinez, 118 in 5. Andras "Chema" Espinosa, 112, decisioned Mateo Jaimes, 111, in 6.

Genaro Garcia, 112, stopped Roberto Quezada, 112, in 3. Rogelio Lara, 118, outpointed Armando Camacho, 118, in 4.

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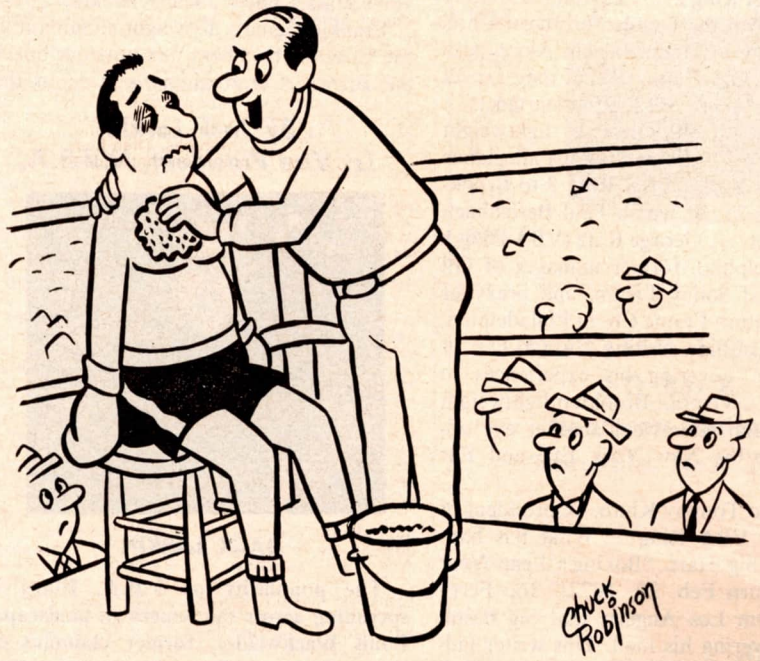

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V.B.A. ROUND-UP
By Packey O'Gatty
President, National V.B.A.

Packey O'Gatty, president of the Veterans Boxers Association, poses with scroll presented to him by his organization when he was honored with a dinner at VBA Ring 1 in Philly.

Johnny Keyes, former self-styled "Mayor" of New York's Chinatown, now historian for San Diego's VBA Ring 24, postcards that his bistro is enjoying tremendous popularity with Southern California's sporting gentry. A prominent flyweight and bantamweight in his youth, later manager of outstanding fighters, Keyes plans a jaunt to his old home town this spring to visit the World's Fair and renew acquaintances with his old neighborhood and any former pals and associates still around. While he is in the East, Keyes' interests in California will be looked after by "Abe the Newsboy" Hollandersky.

► Rev. Henry Armstrong, one-time triple world champion and NVBA's West Coast Ambassador of Good Will, slipped into New York quietly on business, then 'planed out for Los Angeles. Armstrong is v.-p. of Ring 24.

► Billy Cepak is the new prexy of Chicago's VBA Ring 2. . . . Ex-referee Johnny Burns is with the Dundee brothers, Chris and Angelo, in Miami Beach. Along with Willie Pep and Hank Kaplan they expect to get the Miami VBA Ring started. . . . Sammy Mosberg, Olympic lightweight champion in '20, is shifting his allegiance from New York's VBA Ring 8 to Brooklyn's Ring 21, of which Paul Berlenbach is president. . . . George Katz (VBA Ring 1 of Philadelphia), former manager of Gil Turner and Sonny Liston, and prexy of Revsin Picture Frame Co. in Philadelphia, is turning author, writing "In and Out of the Ring," covering his experiences in boxing. . . . Veteran Brooklyn lightweight Ben Schraub underwent another eye operation at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital.

► Note to Tommy Kluth, ex-president of Chicago's VBA Ring 2: What has happened to Sig Hart, "Boxing's Leap Year Baby" (Born Feb. 29, 1872)? Joe Ferry writes from Los Angeles that Sig hasn't been answering his mail. This writer (address 265 Lafayette Street, New York City 12) would appreciate any information on Hart.

► K.O. Al Frazes, who for nine years was treasurer of VBA Ring 1 in Philadelphia, has resigned his post and is recuperating from an operation in a local hospital.

► New York boxing judge and one-time fighter Leo Birnbaum (Bobby Dawson) will be guest of honor at the annual dinner his old buddies in the 77th Division, A.E.F., will toss at the Grand Street Boys Club this spring. Among those who've promised to attend is former world heavyweight champion Gene Tunney, whom Bobby fought early in the latter's career.

► Speaking of Tunney: while strolling up Park Avenue recently, this writer ran into Gene at the corner of 38th Street. He was on his way to his office. As we walked toward 42nd Street, we got to talking of old times, and particularly about that historic afternoon in July, 1921, when Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier drew boxing's first million-dollar gate at Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. Tunney and I were on the supporting card, Gene boxing Soldier Jones and I tangled with Frankie Burns. We couldn't believe it was so long ago.

► That was quite an affair the Henry Street Old-Timers tossed in the sumptuous Red Room of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel. Johnny Addie, veteran announcer, was honored with the Annual Sports Award. Just about everybody of consequence in the boxing profession was there, among them promoters, managers, trainers, referees, commissioners and a mob of ring headliners, including nearly a score of past and present champions. Noted radio and television commentators Sam Taub and Don Dunphy did superb jobs at the "mike", and that grand "Little Champ" Abe Attell, recited the late Damon Runyon's classic poem "The Knocker."

Frankie Genaro, flyweight champion in the '20s, and his "boss," ex-amateur boxer Sal Brown, Commissioner's Aide in the Department of Marine and Aviation, were tendered a dinner by Greenwich Village pals at Arturo's in West Houston Street.

► From out Los Angeles way, Hall of Famer Henry Armstrong suggests that all the V.B.A. Rings get together, under the supervision of the National body, to stage an all-star fight program with profits going to the organization. Armstrong has volunteered to let his two fighters, Adolf Pruitt and Dwight Hawkins, appear on the card.

► Joe McGuigan, son of the famous old-time Philadelphia promoter Jack McGuigan, has taken over the editorship of the Veteran Boxers Magazine, and has completely revised its general format, giving a more "modern" touch to the many interesting features that were initiated during Harry Pegg's long tenure of office. Previously published on a quarterly basis—every three months—McGuigan hopes in time to have the magazine issued on a monthly schedule.

► From Freddie Mueller, popular Buffalo lightweight of the '30s, comes the information that the Veteran Boxers Association in the Bison City has applied for membership in the National body. The following officers have been elected for 1965: President, Jim Hawkins; Vice President, Chip Davis; Recording Secretary, Anse Carroll; Financial Secretary, Freddie Mueller; Treasurer, Lou Scozza; Sergeant-at-arms, Uncle Hermen. The organization's membership includes such prominent Buffalo boxers of other years as Jimmy Goodrich, Gas House Johnson, Benny Ross and Tommy Paul, as well as those serving as officers.

► National VBA President Packey O'Gatty officiated at the installment of the new officers of Ring 14 in Hudson County, N.J. They were President, Allie Todisco; Vice President, Buckey Keyes; Recording Secretary, Mickey Esposito; Financial Secretary, Tommy Brady; Sergeants-at-Arms, Charley Krikorian and Johnny Ardito; Trustees, Phil Dorn, Oscar (Kid) Sokolow, Danny Lewis, Sammy Rubin and Joey Ross. The installations were at the Ring's club room in Jersey City. O'Gatty was presented with a wrist watch by the membership.

By Jack Larkin
1st Vice President, N.V.B.A.

JACK LARKIN

The popularity of V.B.A. Rings is spreading across the American landscape. Louis Blackwelder, former claimant of the southern middleweight championship, is now living in Mount Airy, N.C., and planning to form a Ring there.

REPORT FROM GERMANY
By Jack Tree

Norbert Grupe (Hamburg) known in boxing as Wilhelm Von Homburg, was clearly outpointed by 28-year-old Italian, Piero Tomasoni over 10 rounds at the Westfalenhalle in Dortmund. It was obvious that the fight came too soon for the 24-year-old Grupe. It was his first fight against a southpaw and he couldn't solve the awkward stance of his opponent.

About 8,000 witnessed the show staged by Promoter Joachim Gottert, who grossed 166,000 marks ($40,000). From this Grupe took an enormous purse of $10,000.

Tomasini is now the official challenger for the European heavyweight title held by German Karl Mildenberger. Other results.

Welters—German champion, Klaus Klein drew in 8 with Mauri Backmann, Finland.

Manfred Lessmann, Germany, lost on points in 8 to Giuliano Nervino, Italy.

Lightweights—European light champion, Willi Quatuor, Germany, won over 34-year-old Robert Meunier, France, by a Kayo in 4.

IRISH BOB CASSIDY

(Continued from page 49)

"Have I ever been knocked down? Yes. Twice. Flash tumbles. Diaz decked me in that draw, and Tommy Haynes put me down last November. I knocked him out in the eighth.

"The biggest man I have met? Frankie Olivera, who weighed 162 last December 11, when I stopped him in five heats.

"Have I studied anybody for style? Yes. I like Archer. He boxes. He is scientific. He can beat you on points. He doesn't have to knock you out to win. He proved that against Dick Tiger, who was swinging away while Joey maneuvered around him and piled up the points."

When asked if he had had any comedy relief in his boxing career Cassidy replied, *"I haven't run into anything funny. I have been too busy trying to beat the other guy to be in a position to afford a belly laugh."*

NEW ORLEANS BOXING
By Ike Morales

Jimmy Perrin, an outstanding New Orleans professional fighter in the late 1930s and early 40s, was enshrined into the Louisiana Sports Writers' Association's Hall of Fame at the annual awards dinner at the Shreveport, La., Country Club.

Perrin was the top vote-getter in balloting for berths with 23, followed by the late H. Lee Prather, former football and basketball coach at Northwestern State College, who garnered 12 votes. Ed Head, who spent 18 years in pro baseball was third with 11.

Perrin was the third boxer to enter the shrine. Others are Pete Herman, former world's bantamweight champion, and Tony Canzoneri, one-time ruler of the featherweight and lightweight crowns.

Perrin, a retired New Orleans police officer, won two Southern AAU titles and was an alternate on the 1932 U.S. Olympic boxing team, losing out to Lou Salica. Incidentally, Salica was the only fighter to whip Perrin as an amateur.

During his pro campaign, Perrin engaged four ring champions, beating Sixto Escobar and Joey Archibald. losing dukes to Midget Wolgast and Petey Scalzo. Perrin boxed Wolgast in the New Orleans boy's seventh fight as a professional. In 1940, Perrin and Scalzo boxed before some 17,000 ring fans in City Park, this being the largest gathering for a professional fight in the Crescent City.

Starting out as a flyweight, Perrin later boxed bantams, featherweights and lightweights. He engaged in 107 money fights and lost but eight. He was managed by Emile Bruneau, a high official in the World Boxing Association.

Willie Pastrano, world's light-heavyweight champion, was presented the Edward J. Neil plaque in New York, for being chosen the Boxing Writers' Association's fighter of the year at the annual dinner held in the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

Pastrano started out as a featherweight in 1951 under the management of Whitey Esneault. His contract was later taken over by Angelo Dundee of Miami. Under Dundee, the 29-year-old Willie won the 175-pound championship from Harold Johnson.

BOXING IN JAMAICA
By Charlie Gooden

NATIONAL STADIUM, KINGSTON—More than 5000 boxing fans attended the five fight card promoted by George Thomas and Larry Henry. In the main attraction of 10 rounds, Bunny Grant, British Empire Lightweight Champion, won a unanimous decision over Perfecto Garcia of Nicaragua. Grant entered the ring at 136 and Garcia, 137½.

In the semi-final of 10 rounds, Kid Bassey, 138, scored an impressive second round KO victory over Willie McCray, 134, of Miami.

Former welterweight champion of Jamaica, Basil Campbell, won in 8 rounds over Charlie Baker. Campbell at 146½, is making a comeback after several years of inactivity. Baker who scored the only knockdown in the fight, came in at 144.

Johnny Gumbs scored a TKO over Roy Lee in the second round.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA
By Bill Miller

The end of TV national boxing programs, discontinued by the termination of the Madison Square Garden contract with its sponsors, is going to cut deeply into the coffers of California promoters who from time to time, were assigned fights arranged by the New York organization. But it will not hurt the game here since a state hook-up has been arranged that will cater to local contests and will be utilized also for Mexican consumption.

As Jack Fiske recently wrote, **"we won't know the exact answer to the problem facing promotions, until a few months of boxing minus national TV are staged. As of now, the impact has yet to be felt."**

Let's see what eventually will happen.

▸ California has a number of young boxers who are coming along and will definitely be in the spotlight during 1965. Among those who are depended upon to keep California going, are undefeated Jimmy Lester, and Roger Rischer. The fight in which Ernie Terrell and Eddie Machen will tackle each other for the WBA heavyweight title (whatever that may mean)—has aroused little interest in California, although Machen is a home-state boxer. If he beats Terrell, he should be able to obtain some lucrative contests here.

▸ Incidentally, the biggest house in 1964 was that for the Machen-Duke Sabedong affair at Kezar Stadium. The fight grossed $11,330, with an attendance of 4500. Wayne Thornton, Luis Molina, Jesue Pimental and lightweight Paulie Armstead, and Joey Olguin should help in keeping boxing going well in the state.

▸ Only thirteen shows were staged in California during the past year, 11 by Lou Thomas and two by Art Benjamin.

▸ During the final week in December, the veteran Baby Vasquez of Mexico, who has had close to 120 fights, demonstrated to Joey Olguin in Sacramento what experience means. He stopped Joey in 1.46 of the fourth round with a left-right combination. The solid right hand wallop hit Olguin squarely on the jaw and he went down like a log. Although he got up at the eight count, he fell again and Referee Vern Bybee wisely halted the contest.

▸ The undefeated featherweight Raul Rojas, has been forced to hang up his gloves. The 23 year old slugger from San Pedro has decided to retire due to an eye cataract.

He was booked to fight Vicente Saldivar at the Los Angeles Sports Arena in March in a title bout, but doctors told Rojas and his manager that he is suffering from a traumatic cataract, and continuing his ring career would endanger the boy's eyesight.

Rojas has a record of 23 victories, including 17 knockouts and one registered in California as a technical knockout. In the latest compilation of world ratings by The Ring for the past year, Rojas is listed second in Group 2, which makes him the tenth best featherweight. Too bad a good attraction like Rojas will have to sit on the sidelines.

Sid Ziff, for forty years one of the top sportswriters in these parts—meaning Los Angeles and vicinity—was another who made a vigorous defense of George Parnassus. Ziff has been columnist on the TIMES ever since the MIRROR, of which he was sports editor for many years, backed out of the picture.

OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, L.A.—Gabe Terronez, 146½, Fresno, won handily over Memo Lopez, 147, Guadalajara, at the Olympic Auditorium though one of the three officials voted for Lopez. It came, fittingly, just as Terronez had been promoted to THE RING'S "top ten", in the February issue. He is now No. 8.

Here's how the gentlemen voted: Referee Joey Olmos, 3-2; Judge Tommy Hart, 5-3, both for Terronez; Judge John Thomas, 5-2, for Lopez. (Oddly enough, Judge Thomas was for some reason or other seated in the third row.)

Gabe finished strongly, despite a closed left eye.

▸ The California Athletic Commission failed to make a hit with top scribes of local dailies when they suspended George Parnassus for failure to appear at an investigative hearing, although he was legally represented by his attorney. George is pressing 70, and he has always been a law-abiding citizen. Paul Zimmerman, sports editor of the Los Angeles TIMES for more than a quarter of a century, and before that for many years with the Associated Press, took up the cudgel on behalf of the Greek veteran, and so did other scribes. They see a gross injustice in the action.

If California wants to get rid of George Parnassus, the neighboring state of Nevada would be delighted to welcome him with open arms.

Jim Deskin, the able and highly respected executive secretary of the Nevada ring board, was one of the stunned onlookers when the California Commission suspended Parnassus

"I consider all the California commissioners to be close personal friends", Deskin told columnist John Hall of the TIMES, **"but I can't believe they have done this to a man like Parnassus.**

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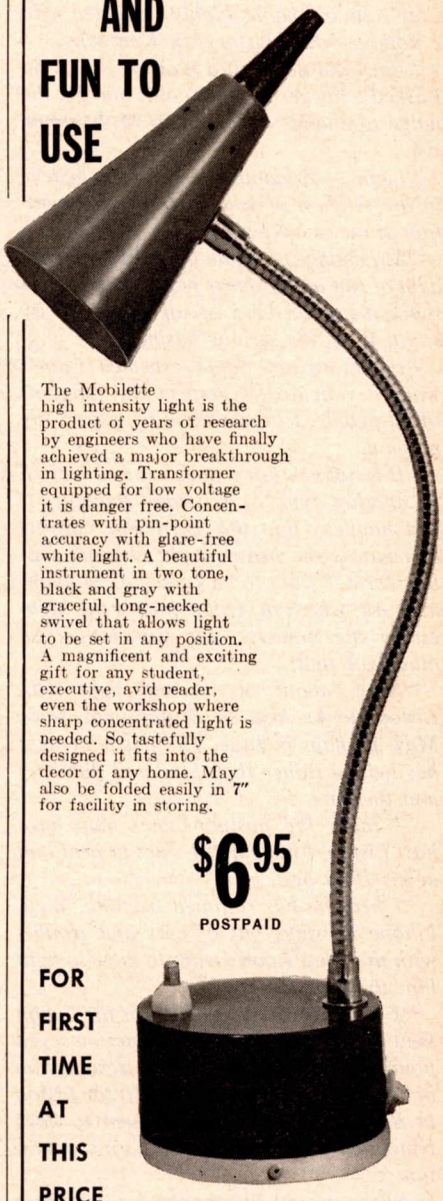

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WHITE HOPE

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"There is another matter about which I want to talk," he said.

"I have had my name changed from Cassius Clay to Mohammed Ali. Cassius Clay is an old name, highly respected with a notable white history, in Kentucky.

"But I did not regard it as my name. So I asked a lawyer to go to court and get the judge to change my name to Mohammed Ali.

"I am a Mohammedan now. I believe in the religion of Islam. It takes recognition of me as a Negro.

"My change of name has brought about a lot of fun in the sports pages. The writers think it's some kind of joke, a publicity stunt. Well, it's serious business.

"I want my new name respected. I don't want it ridiculed. I respect the religions of all people. I expect them to respect my religion.

"It is not new for a man to be converted to another type of religious thought. It just happens that this particular convert to Islam is the heavyweight champion of the world. I want to be known as Mohammed Ali, which in Arabic means the highest in the universe, the superlative. So much for that.

"Now, about my second fight with Liston, to be held in Boston, maybe in May, perhaps in June. The postponement has helped rather than hindered publicity and the gate.

"I think the postponement may have hurt Liston. I hope not. I want to beat him at his 1965 best.

"I hear he has resumed training. Well, I hope he stays out of cars and trouble with the cops. I don't want to have to fight him in jail.

"I weighed 210½ pounds for the Liston fight in February 1964. I am six or seven pounds heavier now, before resumption of serious training. I will be 210 for Liston in Boston. I feel fine, and seem to have benefitted physically by the hernia operation."

Ali expressed his thanks for the Ring Magazine's investigation into the various reports and rumors which followed the Boston postponement. He was especially thankful for denial of rumors of marital tiffs.

"Sonja is a grand gal. Getting married to her was the best thing I have done in my life," he said.

Clay was highly appreciative of the ovation he had received at the fortieth annual dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association in New York.

Perhaps in all seriousness, perhaps in at least a partially jocular mood, he said that the big award should have been given to him as the winner of the heavyweight title within the year.

However, the writers, who picked Emile Griffith as the Fighter of the Year for the Ed Neil Award for 1963, named Willie Pastrano as their No. 1 choice for 1964.

The Jimmy Walker Memorial for special services to boxing over a long period of years was presented to Mickey Walker. To Billy Graham, once middleweight contender, went the Good Guy Award for unselfish devotion, in time and effort, to the interests of boxing.

Some 460 guests jammed the facilities of the Sert Room of the Waldorf.

Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey were there, big as life. Gene's son John Varick, newly elected Congressman from California, made a splendid talk in which he extolled Nat Fleischer and boosted the idea of having a Federal boxing czar.

He announced his intention of backing up, in the House, the efforts of Phil Hart in the Senate to bring about legislation setting up this Federal control, which also was supported by Dempsey.

The dinner was a tribute to the unfailing stamina and inherent power of boxing.

In January 1966 the Boxing Writers' Association plans to revive the ball room scheme and format of the dinner, which were too big for the Sert Room.

DOWN ARIZONA WAY

By Al Fenn

Arizona boxing bowed in the new year with an auspicious display, at a new location—the Sportatorium, Phoenix. Fans packed the 3,000 capacity arena and the successful turnout and the good action card were exceedingly pleasing.

Having a lot to do with the successful show besides the sparkling new building, was a bright new main event face, heavyweight Bowie Adams. While it was the first time Bowie had gone over three rounds since all 14 of his bouts had ended in KO's in three rounds or less, he lasted the 10-round distance fairly well. His opponent Sam Pride, 195, Phoenix, got off the floor in the fourth to fight back to a deadlock.

Pride is a four-time Arizona Golden Gloves titleist, and has been a pro almost three years. Adams weighed 220, and is from Phoenix. Referee Don Wren gave Adams the big advantage of 99-93, while judge Steve Conners had it a draw, 98-98.

In other bouts, Jaimie Wonder, 138, Phoenix stopped Paddy Astorga, 135, Tucson in the second.

In a special event, classy Lenny Brice, 116, Phoenix, decisioned Chato Lopez, 115, Tucson in a five rounder.

In fours, Russ Duralle, 231, Scottsdale, lost to Les Murphy, 190, Phoenix, and Pete Montoya, 125, Phoenix stopped Popo Acosta 127, Tucson in three.

▶ The Arizona Golden Gloves ended, with a team coached by this writer, taking my 17th team (Novice) championship. Billy Sparks' team nodded my team for the Open title.

The champs are, Open, 112—Wallace Brooks, 125—Alton Colter, 119—Al Robinson, 132—C. Fullbright, 139—Johnny Felix, 147—Paco Flores, 156—Jack Morton, 165—Johnny Phelps, 178—Buck Thornton, and heavy, Dwight Palmer.

Novice champs, 112—R. Martinez, 119—E. Rivera, 125—J. Huizar, 132—J. Jones, 139—J. Lerma, 147—W. Diaz, 156—E. McGruder, 165—R. Duarte, 178—R. Rodriquez, and heavy, Herb Powell.

Former great champ Billy Conn was guest speaker at the annual banquet for the Glovers.

▶ Luigi D'Ambrosio, the one-time pride of Herkimer, N. Y. better known as Lou Ambers, now the pride of Phoenix, was named to the Boxing Hall of Fame. Congrats Lou.

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▶ Andy Kendall, a rock-jawed light heavyweight from Portland, Oregon, and Fred McWilliams, a "heavy" middleweight from Phoenix, staged a bloody Pier Six brawl as the Strip "Fight of the Week's" last card for January.

It was touch-and-go as first one fighter, then the other, landed blockbuster rights, drew blood from the nose, cut an eye, and in general controlled the fight.

Referee Nate Morgan thought the bout ended in a draw. Judges Dave Zenoff and Frank Windsor voted for Kendall and the Oregon boy, nicknamed the "Scrapoose Express," took the decision.

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ON THE STRIP

By Rich Howard

Junior lightweights Larry (Schoolboy) Flores and Pete Buffala fought a tight battle right up through the end of round seven. Then Flores came on like dynamite with a long-swinging left in the eighth that staggered Buffala, and followed it with a rapid combination of punches that dropped the Las Vegan for an eight-count.

When he got back up, Buffala was a wobbly, wide-open target. The Schoolboy backed him into the ropes and used a clean, short left to send the local boy to the canvas and defeat.

The time was 1:59 of the eighth round. For Flores, who fights out of Los Angeles, it was the tenth knockout win in a 19-7 record. Buffala had suffered only two previous defeats while winning seventeen. It was Buffala's first loss in Las Vegas after eleven wins.

The weights were Flores, 131½, Buffala, 131¾.

Two preliminary battlers, Cecil Mott of nearby Henderson and Joey Aguilar of Las Vegas, both returned for Bill Miller's second weekly show of 1965. Mott, at 157, used a sharp left jab and some powerful body punching to earn a split six-round decision over Carl Moore, 158, of Phoenix.

Aguillar, 129, who tangled with Manuel Ochoa, 128½, of Los Angeles, barely came away with a draw in the six-rounder that opened the show.

Most impressive ringman of the evening was Fred McWilliams, a lean 160-pounder from Phoenix, who met Phil Clark, 159, Los Angeles, in the second bout on the card. McWilliams moved well, punched with authority, and retained complete command.

The six-round decision was unanimously in his favor.

The Patterson-Chuvalo closed circuit battle will be shown at two Las Vegas locations.

WHO'LL BE CLAY'S NEXT OPPONENT—WHERE AND WHEN? SEE RING'S NEXT ISSUE

TWO TON THOUGHT HE HAD JOE LOUIS AND HIS TITLE

(Continued from page 27)

knockdown had left me shaky. Some went so far as to write that I was terror stricken. That was plain bunk.

"Anyway, I punished him badly in the fourth round. I was sore at myself and determined to whip him then and there. I never will forget the rights and lefts to the head with which I finished him. He later hollered for a return fight. I saw no reason to give it to him. He had proved nothing, and he had talked too much."

The round-by-round story of the brief encounter says that as the fourth opened, Tony drove a light left to the face, and a left to the chest. Louis countered with a right to the head and Two Ton came back with a left to the head. A left and right to the Galento chin made Tony very unhappy.

They exchanged punches to the head and then Joe landed a terrific right to the jaw. That was it. Louis crashed rights and lefts to the face.

Joe landed rights and lefts to the head from all sides and Galento sank to the floor, helpless, knocked out. Referee Arthur Donovan signalled that the fight was over. Only 31 seconds were left of the fourth round.

"This here Louis ain't the world's wonder," Galento announced when he got back to his Jersey saloon after the fracas. *"I figured I had him in the first. I found he could be hit. I figured I had him in the third. Just let me have him again, is all I ask."*

That September, Galento stopped Lou Nova in fourteen rounds in Philadelphia. Then he took on too much, being knocked out by Max Baer in eight and Buddy Baer in seven.

In September Joe stopped Pastor and the Louis band played on.

Tony retired in 1944 with a record of 114 fights, 59 knockout victories, six KO defeats, six draws, 18 decisions lost and 22 won. Twice he lost on a foul.

Galento ran a bistro in Orange, N.J. for some years. Now he is the official greeter in the Gaslight Club in New York. The Man Who Floored Joe Louis.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA

By Jack Levinson

J. Edward Weaver successfully promoted his 2nd boxing promotion before the Tidewater boxing fans. The card presented at the Municipal Auditorium in Norfolk, on December 11th attracted 1844 paying customers.

The 10 round headline feature between Henry Hank, 176½, of Detroit, and Bob Foster, 175½, gave the fans slam-bang action. In the middle of the ninth Foster sank a terrific left hook to Hank's bread-basket, dropping him for the count of 9. Referee Paddy Mills decided Hank was not in condition to continue, and called the bout to an end.

The 8 round semi-windup between Irish Billy Crowder, 176, of Petersburg and Don Hobson, 178, of Norfolk, was another pier 6 brawl. Crowder was awarded a split decision.

Edwin Perry, 166½ of Washington, D.C. outpointed Dennis Heffernan, 168, of Fort Story in a closely contested 6 round bout.

David (Sugar) Wyatt, 148, of Richmond, was awarded a split decision over Willie Gray, 154, of Washington, D.C. in a crowd-pleasing six-rounder. Oscar Freeman, 156, of Norfolk, was awarded a 2nd round T.K.O. over Ray Brown, 158, of Richmond, when Brown injured his left hand, and the attending ring doctor advised referee Tommy Godwin, to call a halt to the contest.

MONTANA MITTS

By Harold Manning

Anaconda—Roger Rouse, 169, California and Montana light-heavyweight champion, K.O.ed Frank Lujan, 173½, Fresno, California, in 50 seconds of the first round.

Lujan was substituted for Leroy Green of Kansas City, who was unable to appear because of a sudden virus infection. Rouse outclassed Lujan.

In the ten-round semi, Leroy Romero, 140, Butte, Montana, and Chino Villaneuva, 141, of Mexico, put on a terrific brawl. Romero received the nod, perhaps, because of his continual aggressiveness.

Jimmy Walters, 165, Prince George, B. C., stopped Jesse Peralta, 163, Los Angeles, in round three.

Harold Mann, 163, Prince George, B. C., won from Ernie Gibson, 164, Seattle, Washington, when Gibson did not answer the bell for the fifth round of a six-rounder.

Tony Ray, 174, Los Angeles, won as he pleased from Merle Gross, 169, Missoula, Montana.

The show was promoted by Montana Boxing Enterprises, a group of Anaconda business men.

BLOWS FROM BARBADOS

By Jack Smale

Boxing in Barbados is fast gaining popularity with regular shows at the Y.M.C.A. Stadium in Bridgetown, the capital. Eric Sealy is the leading promoter. On his last card, Jack Dick, The Bearded Marine, never a class performer, and now admitting to being 46 years old, emerged from a 13-year retirement against young Rocky Pasqual, Trinidad and was halted in the third round.

This island's most promising fighter, Young Flash Gordon decisioned Kid Stoute in 10 to earn a crack at Baby Osbourne for the vacant lightweight title. Osbourne recently won over Johnny Isaacs of Trinidad, but was T.K.O'd in 9 by Johnny Duncan of that Island.

Young Badow announced his retirement after recently retaining his middleweight crown against Gene Colbert.

Local lads Kid Alva, 135, Al Hands and Sporting Reggie, both 160, have done well overseas.

The Interim Boxing Commission, which tries hard to control local boxing, is hoping for statutory recognition soon. With the Speaker of the House of Assembly Hon. J.E.T. Brancker, Q.C., and Mr. Louis Lynch, a leading member of the Opposition, this should not be too difficult.

Obituary: Ralph Waithe (Kid Ralph), one time local heavyweight, was recently killed in a road crash.

The last Eric Sealy 5-bout card drew a big crowd to the Y.M.C.A. Stadium, Bridgetown. Al Tunney and Norfolk Kid, scrappers of yesteryear, whose combined ages must have exceeded a hundred, boxed a creditable draw over 4. Al Forde won his second pro bout, stopping Kid Smiles in 2. Leroy Liston also made "Fighting" Niles belie his name. A flabby, out-of-condition Niles, quit in the second.

Young Fighting Romero made a creditable debut—and as a substitute at that—against the more experienced Iron Tiger, gaining the unanimous decision in six in a lightweight match.

In the top-liner welterweight 10-rounder, Young Woodell, Barbados, met Milton Thomas, Trinidad and Woodell won a split and hotly disputed points decision. A draw would seem to have been a more equitable verdict.

BOXING IN PANAMA AND COLON

By Luis "Lucho" Craig

ARENA COLON—Instianiano Aguilar, national Jr. lightweight boss, weighing 131, took a split duke in ten from ex-featherweight champ Julio "Chichafuertez" Ruiz, 130½.

Frederick McKay, 146, T.K.O.'d substitute Elroy Henry, 141, in 1.36 of the second round. The referee intervened.

Jose Garcia, 118¾, won on disqualification in round three from Santos Peña who weighed 120.

Carlos Brandt, 120, beat Rodrigo Allen, 123, in four.

NATIONAL STADIUM—Ismael laguna, 132¾, the Ring's top contender for feather honors, took a unanimous decision from the W.B.A.'s third rated Jr. lightweight, Sebastian Nascimento, 130½. The bout scheduled for ten.

In another International contest billed for ten rounds, Humberto Trottman, 139½, took a unanimous verdict from the ninth rated Jr. welterweight Jorge Sacomao, who also weighed 139½.

Antonio Amaya, 126, won from Carlos Rios, 125½, in twelve.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By Ruggles Larson

ANACONDA, MONTANA—Roger Rouse, 172, Opportunity, Montana, crashed into big time boxing by kayoing seventh ranked Johnny Persol, 173½, New York, in the first round.

In the co-feature, Leroy Romero, 131, Butte, Montana, won a unanimous ten round decision over Pedro Reyes, 136, Mexico City.

Francis Turley, 135, Roundup, Mont., held Eddy Donaldson, 138, Los Angeles, to a six round draw. Jesse Sanchez, 135, San Francisco, won a four round decision over Jorge Riviera, 133, Mexico City.

PORTLAND, OREGON—Andy Kendall, 171, Portland, Ore., t.k.o.'d veteran Roy Smith, 173, Los Angeles, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten rounder.

Ron Thompson, 161, Eugene, Ore., lost on a foul to Floyd Casey, 161, Los Angeles, in the second round of the semi-final contest.

Clyde Williams, 194, Portland, won a unanimous decision over fellow townsman Willie Richardson. Bill Bailey, 168, Eugene, Ore., returned to action after a two year layoff and kayoed Carlos Mendoza, 171, Portland, in the second round. Luke Smith, 121, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Manuel Magollanes, 119, in four.

BOISE, IDAHO — Denny Moyer, 156, former World's Jr. Middleweight Champ from Portland, Ore., won a unanimous ten round decision over Memo Lopez, 158, of Mexico City.

In a co-feature ten rounder, Danny Valdez, 126, Mexico City, won a split decision over Pete Gonzales, 126½, Portland, Ore.

Leroy Romero, 132, Butte, Montana, kayoed Jesse Guerra, 135, Nyssa, Oregon, in the second round. Bobby Gallegos, 123, Garden City, Idaho, won a six round unanimous decision over Manuel Lorea, 124½, Nyssa, Oregon.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON—George Wright, 160, Tacoma, survived a first round knockdown to register a fifth round t.k.o. over Ramon "Buffalo" Hernandez, 161½, Tacoma.

In the six round semi-final, Oscar Morris, 148, Tacoma, kayoed Clyde Williams of Portland, Ore., in the second round. Dave Centi, 210, Tacoma, won a unanimous four round decision over Richie Peters, 195, Portland. Luke Smith, 124, Portland, scored a third round knockout of Jack Murphy, 130, Yakima, Wash.

BOISE, IDAHO—Al Berro's promotion of Idaho State's two up and coming heavyweights didn't prove much, as the bout ended in a draw. But what a fight!

Gail Wright, 220, Boise, and Rafael Zabalbescoa, 198, Cascade, had the fans in a constant state of excitement for ten rounds as they battled on even terms.

Ray Barritua, 136, Boise, drew in six rounds with Billy Jones, 134, Tonapah, Nev. Garry Holliday, 139, Lewiston, Idaho, won a six round unanimous decision over Merle Gross, 143, Missoula, Montana.

Tommy Gross, 149, Missoula, t.k.o.'d John Holbrook, 148, Boise, in the third round.

Bobby Gallegos, 125, Garden City, Ida., won a unanimous six round decision over Manuel Lorea, Nyssa, Ore.

Two Portland, Oregon, heavyweights settled their argument for supremacy in Santa Monica, California. Amos Lincoln, 205, came out on top by kayoing Thad Spencer, 192, in the seventh round. In another ten rounder, Andy Kendall, 174, Portland, won a ten round unanimous decision over Bobby Sands, 176, Los Angeles.

BOISE, IDAHO—Memo Lopez, 158, Mexico City, used a vicious body attack to pound out a victory over Ken Carruthers, 161, Great Falls, Montana, in a ten rounder at Boise's Fairgrounds Arena.

Pete Gonzales, 127, Portland, Ore., won a unanimous ten round decision over Jose Cejudo, 126, Los Angeles. Gonzales built up an early lead, but Cejudo staged a gallant rally in the closing rounds.

Charley Gardipee, 135, Great Falls, Montana, kayoed Ray Barritua, 134½, Boise, with a left hook at 2:02 of the first round.

Former heavyweight champ Joe Louis refereed.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Rugged Wayne Thornton of Fresno, Calif., scored a ninth round t.k.o. over veteran Eddie Cotton of Seattle in a scheduled twelve rounder billed as a light heavyweight elimination contest.

Thornton stayed in close, using body punches and chops to the face. He used holding, spinning and even wrestling tactics at times to keep Cotton off balance.

When referee Whitey Domstad stopped the bout due to Cotton's left eye, which was first opened as early as the second round, there was not a decided winner.

Richie Sue, 129, Portland, Ore., made short work of his ten rounder by kayoing Luis Echevesta, 129, Jalisco, Mexico, at 2:15 of the first.

In a third ten rounder, George Wright, 159, Tacoma, won a unanimous decision over Hilario Morales, 158, Mexico City. Wright had some big rounds, but could never floor the game Morales.

The boxing program drew 5,856 fans for a gross gate of $35,955 in the spacious Coliseum. The financial success of the promotion should mean more boxing cards for Seattle.

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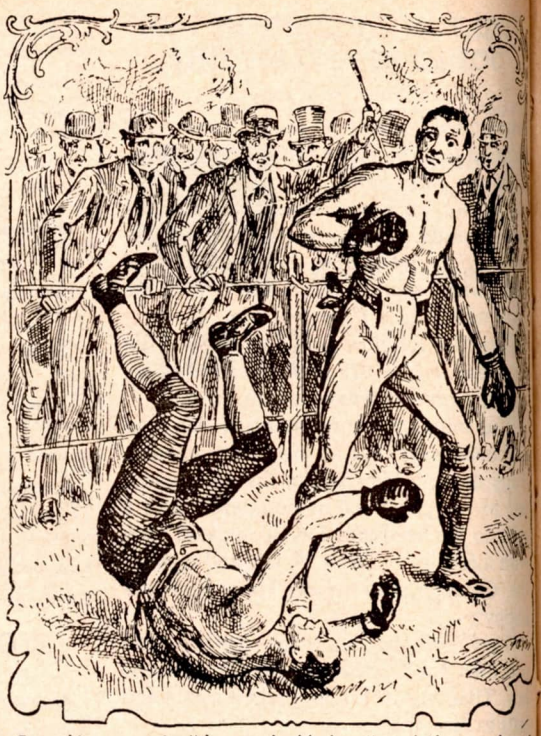

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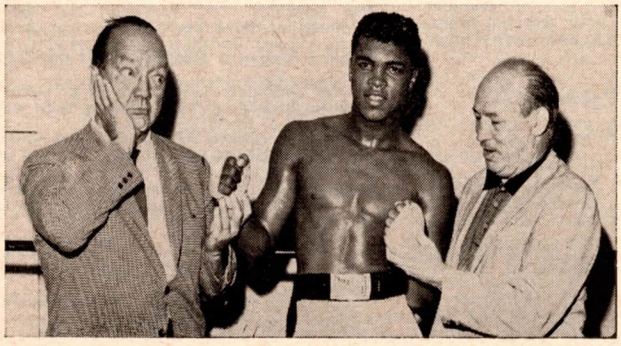

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Come Out Fighting

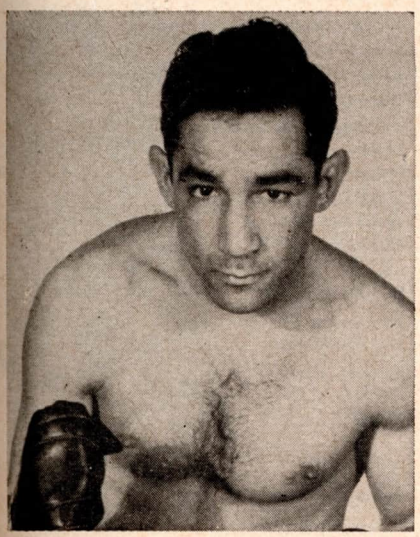
By ED BRENNAN

CASSIUS CLAY, at the Boxing Writers Association Dinner at the Waldorf - Astoria: "What boxing needs is a good White Hope." . . . Former heavyweight champ James J. Braddock may have the answer in his young heavyweight John (Duke) Wayne.

Congressman Thomas V. Tunney, son of ex-champ Gene, at the writers' knife and fork affair: "What boxing needs is a National Commissioner appointed by the Federal government." . . . The young California Congressmen's selection, Jack Dempsey, is okay here.

Al Weill, manager of four champions angry with officers of the BWA because, "Lou Ambers, the best fighter I ever managed, was not asked to speak." . . . Lou along with Braddock, was voted into Boxing's "Hall of Fame" and was one of honored guests at dinner. Weill also piloted champs Joey Archibald, Marty Servo and Rocky Marciano.

Forty two year old Wille Pep made first step on "comeback" last month in four round exhibition against Jerry Powers at Little River Auditorium in Florida. . . . All-time feather great got $500. . . . He's two years younger than Ray Robinson who is still getting pay days in Europe fighting fourth raters.



WILLIE PEP

The Spanish government has made boxing compulsory for all members of its Navy. . . . About White Hopes. Three of them were knocked off in Madison Square Garden in recent months. . . . James J. Beattie, Irish John Davey and Irish Tony Doyle. . . . James J. Woody did the job on Beattie and Doyle. . . . Doyle is fine prospect. Wasn't ready for Woody and he should be back and on the top within year and half.

Winners of the Golden Gloves, staged by the New York Daily News, provide matchmaker Duke Stefano with some 80 percent of his underneath cards at Sunnyside and the Garden.

Broderick Crawford will produce and play role of Jack Kearns in film based on Jack Dempsey's career. . . . Hope script writers leave out gangsters with big cigars and women in dressing room.

We hope Hollywood for once puts out a fight picture that is realistic and has dignity. . . . Tragedy really stalks family of the late Marcel Cerdan. . . . Four months after Marcel Sr. was killed in plane crash in 1948, his brother Vincent died of a heart attack. Several weeks later Marcel's older brother Armand was killed in an elevator fall. Now another brother, Antoine, 54, has been killed in an automobile crash in Rheims, France. Hope Marcel's son, Marcel Jr., who made successful ring debut recently has better luck.

New York Knickerbockers basketball player Tom Hoover, 6 foot 9 inch 240 pound 23 year old, is mulling turning professional fighter. . . . Hoover flattened cagers Terry Dischenger of Baltimore Bullets and Don Nelson of Los Angeles Lakers. . . . Hoover, after watching Oscar (Boom Boom) Bonavena, undefeated Argentine heavyweight, knock out Billy Stephan at Garden boasted, "I could cut up that Bonavena and have him bleeding real bad in no time.". . . Tom's picking on best young heavy to come along since Marciano.

Whoever is picked as National Boxing Commissioner should be required to read, and remember, everything in the new 1965 Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia soon off the presses. If the selectee remembers half o fthe 900 page book he'll qualify for job. . . .

Stanley Poreda, one time heavyweight contender who licked Tommy Loughran and Primo Carnera, retires in few months from Jersey City Police Department. . . . When is Joey Giardello going to defend his middleweight title against the top contender Irish Joey Archer. . . . Archer, to keep in shape, has to go around fighting people like Johnny Torres in Paterson, N.J., for coffee money.

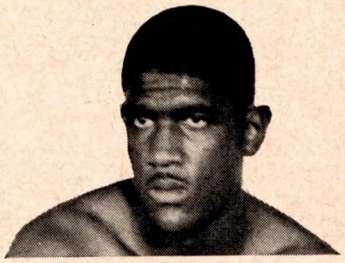
Carmen Tedeschi, who brought Ruben Carter along and was jilted by latter just before title shot at Giardello, is working on Giardello-Nino Benavenuti non-title tiff in Rome. If Italian makes good showing against Giardello, Tedeschi will try to put them together in title shindig in Atlantic City, (N. J.) Convention Hall (indoor) or Jersey City (N.J.) Roosevelt Stadium (outdoor.)

Tedeschi may have trouble doing that . . . Dick Tiger, from whom Giardello won crown in Atlantic City, has been cleared by U.S. State Department for trip to New York. Tiger's not coming to New York to buy shirt and tie. . . .

Two fighters who never will box in Garden as long as same people are running fights there are Ernie Terrell and lightweight champion Carlos Ortiz.

Big Julie Issaaccsson, manager of Terrell, who goes with Eddie Machen for WBA version of heavyweight crown at Chicago, says, "Why did Garden drop Terrell for Floyd Patterson who didn't fight in the Garden for eight years after Garden built Floyd up to heavyweight championship? Me and Terrell stuck with Garden all the way and they should have used my guy instead of Patterson."

Julie must mean the Terrell-Machen bout would have been a good elimination fight in the Garden because the New York Boxing Commission certainly wouldn't have given it title recognition. . . . The WBA is not recognized in the Empire State.



ERNIE TERRELL

Bill Daly, pilot of Ortiz, says, "my champion will never box in the Garden as long as the same people who are running boxing there now are around. . . . I don't like the way they do business in the Garden and don't even talk to them."

Daly, one of the few pros among present day managers, has not had a New York license in many years. . . . Bill hasn't applied for license and doesn't intend to in the near future. . . . This might have a little to do with Daly, Ortiz and the Garden.

Daly has been getting Ortiz $40,000 and $50,000 purses fighting in Carlos' native Puerto Rico. . . . With that kind of money who needs the Garden? . . .

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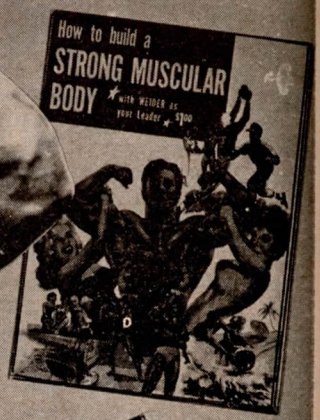

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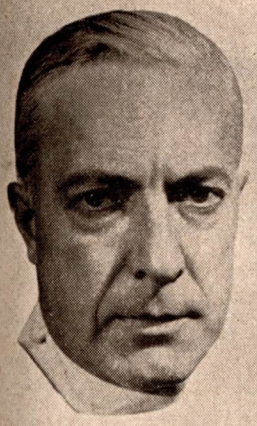

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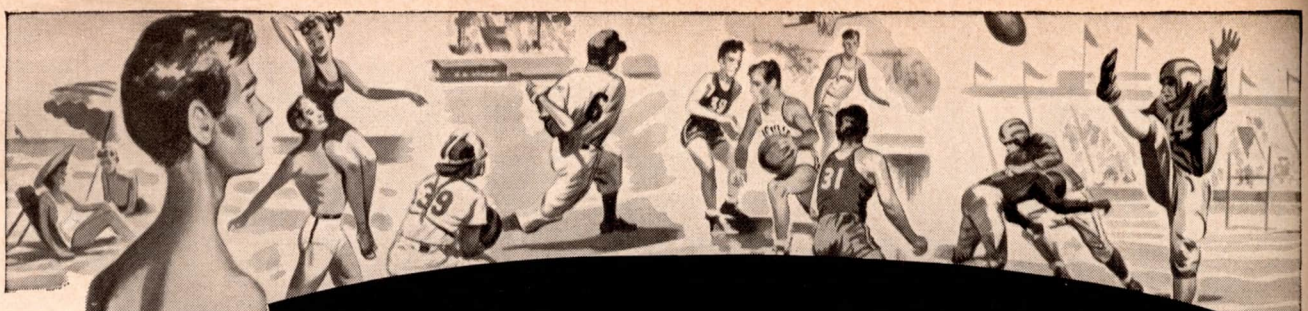

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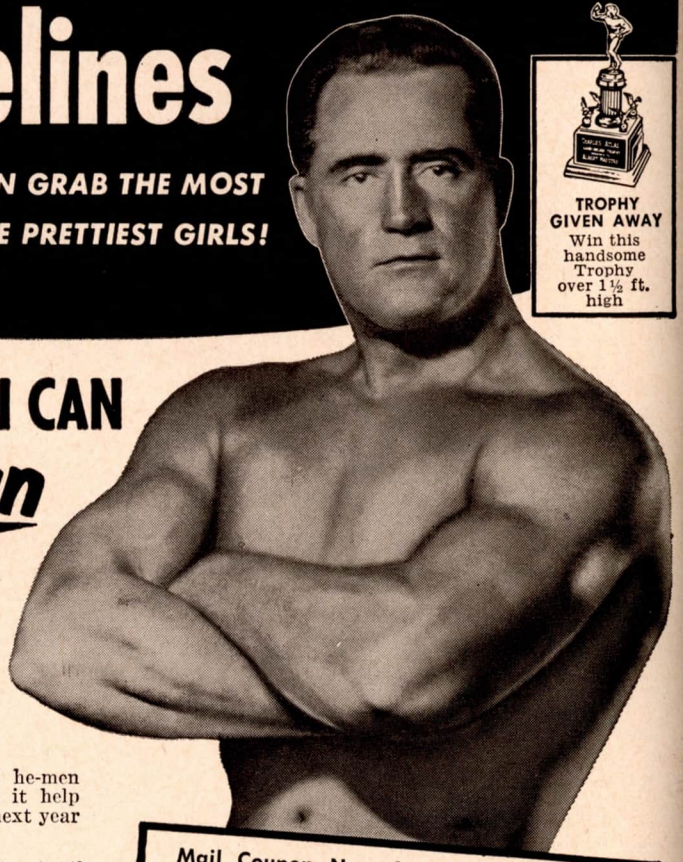

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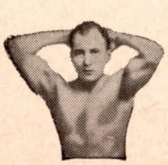

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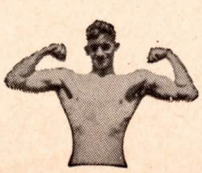

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